25th Anniversary 1914-1939

Of the Present Ownership of

THE HAMLIN HERALD

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¶ This Issue of the Hamlin Herald Is Dedicated to the Pioneers of Hamlin and the Surrounding Community

¶ This Issue of The Herald Marks the 25th Anniversary of the Present Ownership of The Hamlin Herald

¶ This Issue Is Designed to Illustrate by Picture and Story the Progress Hamlin Has Made During Her First 33 Years

Throughout the pages of this issue, the reader will find vivid evidence of that Spirit which built Hamlin and the Hamlin community, and that the same Spirit still exists and is building and holding the Hamlin of tomorrow.

Not all business enterprises in Hamlin and vicinity have representation in this Celebration Issue, but there is plenty of evidence that this is a community of push and harmony, a community of peace and happiness . . . where the Spirit of Friendliness overshadows all and at once places the Newcomer at ease because of our "Friendly Hamlin."

The Herald gladly thanks each and every person and firm whose cooperation has made this issue possible.



The Herald modestly offers this Special Issue . . . It is our first attempt to publish any kind of paper out of the ordinary. Generally Special Editions of newspapers are published as a "promotional scheme" where some out-of-town "professional" gets away with a big lot of money of the community. That is not true in this case. This attempt is entirely "private," promoted solely by the Editor and Owner to mark that First Quarter period—25 years of citizenship in Hamlin. It is hoped that this issue will result in making each Hamlin citizen prouder of his community and more appreciative of his fellowmen, who have fought the battles of this new country to make of this community a better place in which to live.

ALL HONOR TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO CARVED A CITY OUT OF A WILDERNESS

To have a town it is necessary to have dry goods stores, grocery stores, feed stores, shops, banks, hotels, bakeries, hospitals, schools, churches, and a hundred other kinds of business for the use and comfort of the community.

But along with the doctors, ministers, architects, mechanics, specialists, and many other desirable things is another important thing called a "NEWSPAPER."

The first essential for the development and welfare of an American town is a good newspaper. The postoffice of Hamlin had hardly been announced till some enterprising printer came to the new town of Hamlin and started a small newspaper, and if we have the history correctly, one dreary day, about the last days of October 1905, a young fellow by the name of Claude Shelton, now Editor of the Rotan Advance, was sitting in some barber shop and the gang discussed what should the new paper be called. Everybody agreed it should be named "The Hamlin Herald." It stood, it has kept standing, and so closely has the history and the progress of Hamlin been bound up with the Hamlin Herald, it would now seem almost sacrilegious to have a Hamlin without a Herald.

The Herald is one of the few firm names in Hamlin that has not changed in the past twenty-five years. Off hand we can mention our business contemporaries whose names and unbroken ownership is the same as we found on coming to Hamlin in May 1914: R. B. Spencer & Co, Lumber; W. J. Brians Insurance; O. G. Ebert Blacksmith Shop; Wilson Hardware; Waggoner Drug Co.; Barrow Furniture Co.; McMahon Jewelry Co. (however it was Gilbert & McMahon then); and the John T. Day Hardware; The Dillard Hotel; the Pioneer Gin; Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill and Hamlin Compress. We might also add the Western Union and the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and the Imperial Barber Shop.

The Herald has stood like a sentinenal for Hamlin through all the storms of adversity, sharing all the good and the bad, ever ready to champion the cause of every worthy enterprise; The Herald has rejoiced with those who were successful and happy; The Herald has grieved and mourned with those who tried and failed and moved; The Herald was nine years of age when the present management bought it, and we are sure the men and women who preceded us carried on as faithfully as the present owner, if not so long.



The New Home of The Hamlin Herald

The two pictures on this page speak their own language.

We place the Old above the New. This is sentimental, of course. It is our idea of showing honor to the pioneer house that represents the days of early Hamlin. The old Home, above the New, deserves this honor for because that old "ironclad" store building sheltered (partly) the Hamlin Herald over a long and eventful period of twenty-two years. It was an humble place but it WAS home and to this day, every inch of that old building has a choice place in the Editor's heart.

The old building was Hamlin's first Gents Furnishing Store, built in the center of early Hamlin. Look closely and the old sign can still be seen, shadowed under the paint, beneath the Herald sign. It was 25 feet wide and 60 feet long. It had a tin top, tin outside and inside walls and a tin ceiling. It had two high-up windows on the north, none on the south, one in the east, and three shackled doors. Yes, to the last days of the next twenty-five years of our lives will we still hear the clang and the clatter of that tin, and feel the sway of the storms, and the dirt, the heat and the cold, but with all that, and still it was home for twenty-two years, where we endured and kept fighting through the drouths, the big crops, the wars, the booms, the inflations, and the worst of all the "depression." Does anyone blame us for holding such a home sacred?

We shall say but little about our new place. It is not fine; it is a simple little house, some larger than the old one, but one so substantial that it should furnish comfort to its owners for the next TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. When another such period has passed, perhaps, the progress of Hamlin will have been so much again that we will with reluctance, move into a larger and better building. The interior scene of the old home and the new will be shown on another page, in this section.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC (1914)

From now on I will not sell water on credit, or take orders for water after 5 P. M. ORBE HARRIS.

THE HAMLIN HERALD HAS HAD AN UNBROKEN PART IN HAMLIN'S PROGRESS

Thirty-five years ago, where Hamlin now stands, was an unbroken pasture-land . . . a land of the mesquite and grass. The citizens homes were scattered and very meager. For many years before the coming of the first railroad, the pioneer had traveled far to secure the limited things West Texas could offer. Comforts were scarce in those days. Workers were needed and money was hard to get. What men had in those days, they worked for. Nothing was given, except perhaps lands, and all things else were "earned," by constant labor and good management.

The first railroad to pioneer across this corner of Jones County and cross over to diagonal Fisher County, was the "Orient" (now the Santa Fe). The Orient Townsite Company figured that distance, as measured in those days, fitted this spot, on the line, as a good place for a modern city. A townsite was laid out, avenues and streets were marked through the mesquite brush; lots and blocks were set aside for public use . . . for schools, parks and churches.

Like magic, lumber yards, mercantile stores, shops, professional men, promoters, schemers, and boomers came rushing into the newest and latest West Texas town. The sound of the hammer was heard unceasingly, day and night; houses and houses of all descriptions and sizes sprang up over night.

The Orient townsite became too small and other additions after addition were laid out. The M. K. & T. Railroad was headed this way too. It was in Stamford and was sure to pass west through the new town of Hamlin. It did and a second depot was built, and a rival business area was started about the Katy section of Hamlin. Hotels went up; nice homes were built; the Central Avenue stretched toward the south from the Katy to cross the Orient tracks nearly a mile distant. Those were real boom days and boom houses occupied lots where now modern residences abound. Men who helped build a modern city fought a battle against great obstacles to make a place others would enjoy living in. Hamlin streets were soon cleared of mesquite and some grading was done. Later the business section became one continuous mud hole or dust pan, depending. Then another railroad, the Abilene & Southern, came. Hamlin citizens paid a big bonus to get the third railroad. By this time, Hamlin was taking on substantial growth, and the boosting enterprising class of business men in those good early days started the idea of street paving, a bigger water system, commodious churches and schools. The early pioneer was spurred to great deeds by a vision.

Along with the growing town of Hamlin came aggressive real estate men who boosted farm lands and caused more and more cultivation to take place. Hamlin was assured by the redoubtable spirit of the early pioneer.

CITY COURT (June 12, 1914)

In the case of the City of Hamlin against J. G. Pluto for exceeding the automobile speed limit on Central Avenue last week resulted in a hung jury. On second trial the case was dismissed.

(Mr. Pluto was one of Hamlin's first auto dealers and sometimes got his display cars up to 20 miles per.)

Highway and Rural Roads The Very Best to Be Found

In this modern day of 1939, one can hardly imagine the difficulties our pioneers went through without some kind of roads. Even when Hamlin territory was only a cow pasture and so many hundreds were coming into this community every month there were but few roads, and fewer bridges, and all were constructed for the lighest of traffic.

It is quite interesting to trace through the files of the Herald the many articles published i n behalf of securing better roads and more roads and finally state highways, and more highways . . . . really that theme is STILL popular, for indeed Hamlin and her surrounding communities have not as many and as good roads as our beautiful level, and fertile country deserves.

It has often been said that a country's civilization can be judged by its roads. While this paper is vitally interested in more roads and better roads in all this Jones County and in our neighboring counties, we are to deal here only with the progress made in Precinct No. 1, of Jones County, of which Hamlin is the only main town entirely within it. About one-fourth of Anson is in Precinct No. 1.

Going back as far as can be traced by published meeting hearings, and letters dealing with roads, we read much about the muddy condition of roads, of people who could not get to Hamlin because of the mud, and impassible bridges.

One interesting letter found in the Herald was from Rev. Sam C. Vaughan, one of the truly pioneer and great men of this part of the county. He wrote the Herald that he thought it would be a good idea for the people to get busy and improve the roads around Hamlin as far out as 8 miles. That was in 1913. He complimented this part of Texas on having such naturally good level roads, (you see one can hardly ever find even a slight rise in our roads and not many curves.) So the late Rev. Vaughan was projecting a vision of better things for his country. In this as in many other things, pioneers of his unconquerable spirit, could figure far ahead. So he was urging roads.

Roads in all centuries have been constructed as transportation needs come and change. Narrow, crooked, even muddy roads rough and hilly may be suitable for the ox cart or the old mule and wagon, in a time when people were circumscribed by distance to the point that "eight miles" was a good distance for communities to travel. So then is it any wonder that Jones County's roads were laid out from 20 feet to 40 and maybe sometimes 50. Is it any wonder that Commissioners had a hard task in building and maintaining roads on such a narrow strip.

But the automobile came and conditions changed rapidly. Wider and straighter roads MUST be had. At first the auto would scare horses and mules off into the ditch and later autoist began to grumble about the roughness of the roads after a rain, when he dared not get out. This started the idea of dragging the roads as soon after a rain as possible.

The Herald has many articles on the 'drag." The county had to buy several "brought-on drags" and individuals and clubs and towns joined with the county in paying for the dragging of roads. When the auto came it changed the face of the world. It transformed a crude method of travel into one of speed and as the years went by the speed went from 20 t o 30 to 40 to 60 miles and up—all depending on the roads.

As state and federal highways were laid out and constructed better, more powerful machinery came into use. All because of gasoline.

The first County Commissioner, the present owner of the Herald became acquainted with, was the late J. L. Keen. The requirements of the automobile and the circumstances of the narrow right-of-way, the lack of tried and high-powered machinery and ample funds, made progress for him one constant problem, as was the case with Commissioners all over the state, at that time.

The present County Commissioner, Mr. John C. Turner, has been giving his time and energies to Rural road bulding in this Precinct for the past six years. He has met and conquered many obstacles in order to bring his part of Jones County roads up to the efficient and substantial system that now prevails.

Mr. Turner does not say much about what he is doing in road building for he thinks that nothing can speak as strongly as roads themselves, hence he takes up the task of road improving, faces each drawback with a sternness of trying to better the situation and lets whatever language the "road" may use, speak for him.

Two catapillers, and two big graders, and other machinery equally as modern and powerful, makes bad roads into good ones, especially if the man-power measures up to these big fellows, who have made good with this machinery and Commissioner Turner.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It will, perhaps be interesting information to know what Commissioner John C. Turner has accomplished in the past six years of his service in this Precinct.



Com. JOHN C. TURNER

John C. Turner discovered Texas down in Walker County. But Mr. Turner would not stay in one county nor one state. We find that he lived for awhile in Dallas Co., also in Hill, Montague and Coleman County, Texas and even in Sentinel, Oklahoma, before coming to Hamlin.



GENTLEMEN DOING A TOUGH JOB

NO GROUND IS TOO HARD FOR THESE HUSKIES TO MOVE ABOUT

POWER, PUSH and PULL PLUS DETERMINATION

WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING ROADS IT TAKES BOTH MEN AND GOOD MACHINERY, COMISSIONER TURNER HAS "EVERYTHING" IT TAKES. The men behind the power: Roy C. Brown, Cecil Brown, Ed Rodgers and Alton Clemmer, the "regular Force.

There are approximately 375 miles of rural roads in the percinct. Of the total amount of roads, 175 miles have been widened and the standard now is set as 60 feet. Mr. Turner says, thanks to the people for their hearty cooperation in getting him the wider right-of way. The program of widening is still in progress, and every one by whose land a wider road is built, congratulates himeslf on the better facilities and appearance.

This precinct now has 42½ miles of all-weather gravel surface, leading from highways out to every school house and church. This span of hard roads enables one to make nearly any part of the county in any kind of weather. It required approximately 80,000 cubic yards of material for the surfacing of these 42 miles.

During the past six years, around 2,000 road and side bridges have been rebuilt or repaired. Instead of merely "dragging" every road has been maintained and in some years as many as eleven times.

Accomplishments can not be made without funds, but funds are not all the game. Commissioner Turner, has managed the funds coming into his precinct in a magnificent manner.

All that has been accomplished in Precinct No. 1 has been done with out the issuance of one dollar of script or time warrant for labor or material during his six years of service.

SKETCH OF MR. TURNER'S LIFE

It i s in keeping with the spirit and aim of this issue of the Herald to go back a few years and pick up the history of John C. Turner. He is really a pioneer, you know.

For twenty-five years, Ye Editor has been a neighbor of Mr. Turner and from time to time we have learned a lot about him—Can't tell everything, because we are still neighbors. Anyway:

It was in June of 1911 that John Turner heard so much about this "rollicking" good town of Hamlin, over here in the northwest corner of Jones County. It sounded good to him and like thousands of others, he bundled up and out he came. But John did not have much to "bundle."

We have heard him tell about "hitting Hamlin" many times. He arrived here on June 21, 1911, on the Katy. Uncle Jim McGough was at the depot for fellows like him to carry him down town in the "Yellow Cab," drawn by two good horses, John's eyes 'bugged out that morning." In coming down Central Avenue he noticed only two houses, and both of them had placards on their fronts reading "Dry." John thought 'heck, any fool ought to know it is dry." You see it had not rained as usual, and the dust was four inches deep. Coming along, John fumbled his bundle . . . a few clothes, and a carefully carried case containing his business start—a long bladed razor, a shaving mug, a cake of soap and $2.40 in money. John was a barber, you see, and whiskers, grew in dry countries as they do in the wet, only a little tougher. But Mr. Turner soon found out that there was a prohibition election on, and those against liquor had "dry" over their doors to indicate it. His puzzle soon passed away and he got his job and settled down to work. And John C. Turner has proven that by keeping at it and managing well some people can succeed in Hamlin, in fact many have done as well as Turner. He went to work in what was known as the Imperial Barber Shop (the same one now running.) It was built by one of the real pioneers, H. B. Foreman. Foreman sold it to I. J. Pierce, who in turn deeded it over to Mrs. E. M. Wilson, (then Miss Evie Clark.) Later John bought the shop and everything in it and for eleven years continued to operate it.

During the eleven years of barbering, Mr. Turner met and married a young lady by the name of Miss Mary Alleyene Phillips, of Bonham, who was a visitor in Hamlin in 1916. Time went on and a permanent boarder came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Turner, their son J. C. Jr., who, as this spring term of school closes at Baylor University is 22 years of age, weighs above 200 pounds and is finishing his Junior year in the University.

Barbering became too tame for Mr. Turner, and then for eight years he was agent for the Magnolia Petroleum Company. He sold this after being elected as Commissioner of Precinct No. 1. Besides his first property owned in Hamlin, Mr, Turner has acquired a nice home, has several business houses in Hamlin and one in Big Spring.

Public spirited, Mr. Turner served six terms as Mayor of Hamlin; he is a member of the Baptist Church, having at one time served there as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher; he is a recent new member of the Lions Club and for a long time has been a Mason, a Shriner.

"Trade At Home" Essay Won $10 Prize 1st Place



BOB JACK LOW

The future destiny and prosperity of Hamlin lies in the hands of us, the citizens of this thriving little city. To help make Hamlin more prosperous and to keep it thriving we, as its citizens, should trade in our own city of Hamlin.

There are numerous reasons why we should trade in Hamlin. In the first place we ought to trade in Hamlin in order to repay the business men for the kindness they have shown our various and numerous organizations. The business men, who are benefited if we trade in Hamlin are largely responsible for our schools, churches, paved streets and roads, the comforts and conveniences which we enjoy in our homes and elsewhere, relief for the needy citizens, health protection, fire protection, moral standards, and law enforcement, to mention a few. The business men help to support our school band for which they furnished uniforms. They help to support our football, basket ball and other athletic associations.

Trading in Hamlin brings us into personal contact with the business men. It strengthens our friendship with them and brings us into closer relationships with them. If we needed a recommendation for a job, we certainly would not go to the merchants of the neighboring towns for it, but to our own merchants of Hamlin. Also it is the business men of Hamlin who give us the boost and the encouragement that we need in all of our activities and undertakings. We would not go to the merchants of other cities for financial help, but to the merchants of Hamlin. If we suspend our trade in Hamlin, and take it elsewhere it would be impossible for us to have these opportunities and advantages.

There are those who say that they can trade much cheaper in the larger cities or by ordering from the mail order houses than they can at Hamlin. It is true that some of the articles bought at larger cities or from the mail order houses are cheaper but they are usually also of cheaper quality. By adding up the postage paid for ordering or the money spent for gas and oil and wear on the car we will find it is just as cheap or cheaper to trade at home and at the same time we will be helping our city by spending money in it. This helps to reduce taxes and bring more money into Hamlin. It is also safer trading at home because of the heavy traffic on the highways.

The business men of Hamlin will give us a squarer deal than most of the merchants of the larger cities who are unacquainted with us. We know the business men of Hamlin are honest and we know we won't get short weights or short change here as we might from merchants of other towns of whom we know nothing about.

When we are ill or when one of our loved ones dies, it is not the merchants of other cities who sympathize with us and help us, but it is the merchants of Hamlin. It is our own merchants and not the merchants of other cities who support our charitable institutions. We are helping to support these ourselves by trading in Hamlin, because our trade helps the business men and they in turn will help support tthe needy.

If we take our money out of Hamlin and spend it in other towns, we will be helping the other towns and hurtng Hamlin. By spending our money in Hamlin more and better business buildings can be built and more money will be spent in improving Hamlin and making it a better place in which to live. More money can be spent for lakes and paved streets and public utilities to the advantage of the citizens of Hamlin. If everyone who lived in Hamlin would do all of their trading at home, Hamlin would become much more prosperous. Trading in other places have ruined many towns in the past few years, many of which were as large or larger than Hamlin. We, the students of the Hamlin High School, will be the future business men of Hamlin and to make it a more prosperous business center we can start by doing all of our trading in Hamlin.

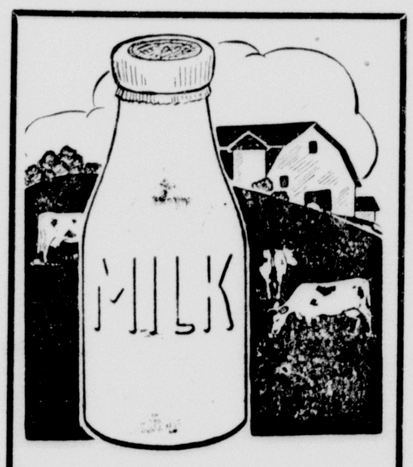
The business men are adding much to the spirit of Hamlin by making it a friendly town. They show friendliness and hospitality to their customers that is not found in many towns. They are loyal to Hamlin and we can repay this loyalty and friendliness by also being loyal to our city by trading in Hamlin.

—BOB JACK LOW.

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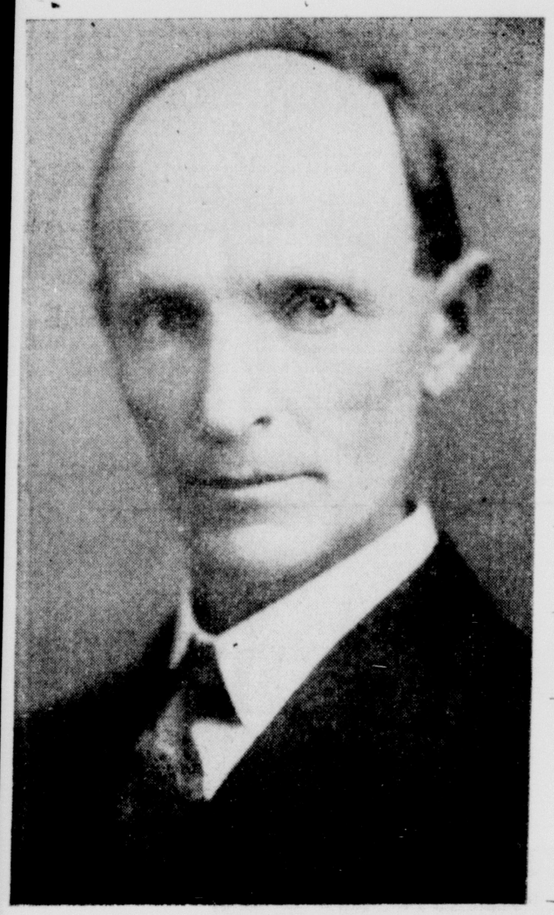
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—ETC., ETC., ETC.

BOWEN POPE

We do not know just who invented "editorials." Possibly they might be classed along with such inventions as the safety valve for steam boilers and steam heaters. Anyway, generally the editor can feel an editorial coming on . . . he begins by having a peculiar urge to get something off his mind, his heart or a burden off his shoulders. An editorial is a kind of "throw-off" which occasionally gives the editorializer a kind of relief, and sometimes it results in a lot of grief.

On this page, Ye Editor is not trying to rid himself of anything on his mind, except to open up the pages, to some extent, of the 25 years ago. We are not concerned now with anything that may be called "fussing" . . . like politics, taxes, crime, war, drouth or water; not at all what ought to be or not to be done, in Hamlin, here or yonder.

This section of this Anniversary edition, is only to serve as a mirror of the past, the present and to try to peep into the future as a town and as a people . . . just covering a period of 25 years of other days and a survey of our present. Through the pages of this issue will "re-appear many scattered items of interest dug out of the "record."

This is just an appropriate way to "drive a stake down," to mark off so much time that has passed. Maybe we can make another 25 years, and if so then "away back yonder" will appear this "stake" to enable another to be set in our good old age, 25 years from now, in a straight line with this one and the one set up in 1914.



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—COUNSELOR
—SOCIAL NEWS
—PROOF READER
—BOOKKEEPER
—SECRETARY
—OBSERVER
—HOUSEKEEPER
—ETC., ETC., ETC.

MRS. BOWEN POPE

HOW NEWSPAPER EDITORS GOT STARTED IN THE WORLD

A little boy was requested to write an essay, one time, and the newspaper was his subject. Here is th result.

"I don't know how newspapers come to be in the world. I don't think God does either. He ain't got nothing to say about them, and the editor ain't in the Bible. I think the editor is one of the missing links you hear about, and stayed in the brush until after the flood, then stepped out and wrote it up, and has been here ever since. I don't think he ever dies. I never saw a dead one and never heard of one gettin' licked. Our paper is a mighty good'un. The editor goes without underclothes all the winter; don't wear no socks, and pa ain't paid his subscription in five years and don't expect to."—EXC.

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WHAT A NEWSPAPER DOES FOR A TOWN

'The value of a live, energetic newspaper to any town or city is absolutely impossible to estimate. There are so many ways that a good newspaper promotes the interest of the city, and the individual citizens where it is published, that it would be like trying to number the sands of the sea to enumerate them. It is the true friend of the city or town and every resident thereof and stands ready to fight the battles even of individual citizens in a way that no other agency has either the nerve or the courage to do. It stands as a great bulwark of defense for the city and for the people.

"But this is only one feature."

That editorial was a long one and the rest of it dealt with the newspaper as an industrial plant, using material and labor, buying from and spending with the home people exclusively. The newspaper is the first to speak up for its community and the last to quit. HERALD MAY 1914:

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NOTE THE ADVERTISERS FOUND IN THE HERALD

It is interesting to see the advertising in The Herald in the early days. We note the issues of January 1914 had these firms telling the people of their wares, and services:

A. B. Barrow Furniture Company; Elliott Bros, Cleaners; Bowen-Dolman Drug Company; Hamlin Elevator Company; Stone & Cooper Groceries (W. D. Cooper is still with Hamlin); Gray Lumber Company; Riter Hardware Company and later in the month sold to Day Brothers Hardware; Withers Bros Harness Shop; S. W. Bell Telephone Co.; S. D. McMahon Watchmaker and Jeweler; B. F. Russell Title Examiner, Real Estate; W. H. Gilbert Optician; Cassle Bros. Groceries; J. B. Adkins Grocery; First National Bank; First State Bank; Cecil & Co. Dry Goods; D. J. Payne Dry Goods; Pool-Whittington Co. Dry Goods and Groceries; Later in the Herald appeared Wilson Hardware Co.; Waggoner Drug Co.; H. S. Scales Grocery; and Wm. Green Dry Goods and Groceries.

The above business firms advertising were not all in Hamlin. In those days not everybody pushed out for business. The Record shows that the Herald was constantly urging business men to advertise for business. In those days we note the chief articles were buggies, wagons, harness, and lots about mules, horses and colts. Not many pictures appeared then as to styles. What there were now look freakish. The two banks kept their business represented on the first page of the Herald constantly in those days. Then they urged deposits and savings accounts. Conditions are changed now, but good advertising will keep any place live and growing.

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WET WEATHER GREETED THE NEW HERALD OWNERS:

Our memory can not get away from the "wetness" of Hamlin, in the summer of 1914. The Herald has always carried everything possible about rain and water, and all the issues of 1914 were full of what the rains had done for the country.

We note from the Record, May 29, 1914, the Orient had plenty of trouble with wet soft tracks; wrecks up the line about Chillicothe and Crowell. A passenger train ran off the tracks and a freight train of twelve cars was ditched. Rains caused a record wheat crop, and cotton came through with a bumper yield. It was in the fall of 1914 that so much cotton was to be picked that Hamlin citizens held a mass meeting and voted to advertise for negro pickers. The Katy brought them from East Texas by the thousands, to supply this and other communities.

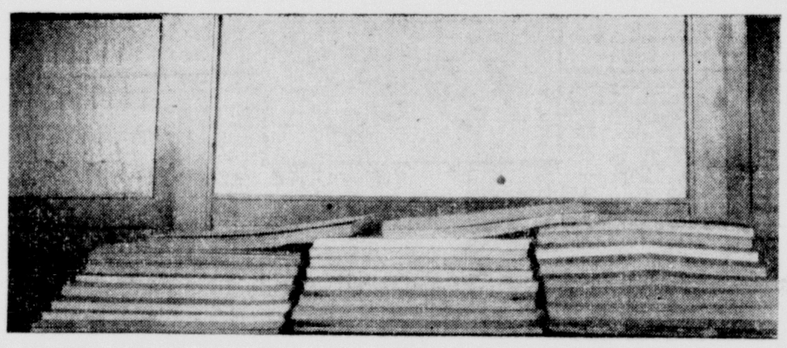
There had been so much rain in the spring and summer of 1914 that a near epidemic of typhoid fever broke out and the Herald carried warnings and admonitions for fly fighting and weed cutting, drainage and better control of "city stock." The City Marshal kept a constant notice to clean up. At that time the city had no sewer system and many dangers to health lurked on all streets and alleys.

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PROHIBITION CARRIED IN JONES COUNTY JUNE 1914

"The prohibition campaign in Jones County has ended and the battle at the polls fought. Victory crowns the pros and the world moves on as before—nobody hurt and not many disappointed in the result. Jones County stands four-square on the prohibition question by a large majority. So do not worry Tom, for in this section the snakes are all dead, dying or sick."

Old timers will remember how they laughed at the fellows who called that prohibition election to see how the people felt. Jones County folks (some of them) may like their liquors but they will not permit a saloon. Jones County never has had a legalized saloon . . . wonder how the prohibitionist of 25 years ago would have talked if he knew that in 1939 a dozen places in Jones County would be legally selling liquors?



THE RECORD

Readers of The Herald will recall that nearly every week you see the word 'Record" used. We often say "to keep the record straight." You can see the actual "record" in our office . . . here you see the picture of 25 books, which represent 25 years of our effort to make a newspaper in Hamlin. The Editors do not make much of the record, but the town and community as a whole are the history makers. After mailing out the Herald each week, we lay away a copy to be bound into a book at the end of each October (you see the Herald started the first week in a November nearly 35 years ago. The files were not kept before 1914, except a limited few that our friends have accidently dug from a forgotten trunk or pile of old keepsakes. Sometimes articles appear in The Herald that a family treasures highly and therefore lays the paper aside and in after years the pang of sadness or the thrill of joy is dimmed and the paper is easily discarded or is returned to the office in its yellowed and crisp state.

In each of the books pictured above are 52 separate weekly Heralds, bound securely, and kept in a flat stack, in a darkened dry place. We value them highly and guard them jealously. They also mean something to YOU. In these volumes you can trace the story of YOUR family, your life, your town, your county and to some extent the state and nation. For example we can select any family in Hamlin and read of their arrival here, their children, births, marriages, re-marriages, business connections, civic activities and deaths and on and on the story. It IS THE RECORD,

Most of this page is taken from the record pictured above. Throughout the pages of this Anniversary Edition are portions of articles from the Record. So the record is continuing to build and YOU, all of us, are a part of it.

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THE FIRST OIL WELL TALK, JAN. 9, 1914

Twenty five years ago, and more, Jones County folks were talking OIL. We note the Herald carried an item about a well being down as much as 860 feet northwest of Stamford. All kinds of guesses were being made. "Plenty of oil sand, all indications of oil, sound basis for oil and gas underneath the soil." Then there seems to have been another well down as much as 1700 feet, and the talk was for something to happen soon, near Stamford.

That was more than 25 years ago. No well has been found nearer Stamford than Avoca and that was recently. But as time went on wells were started and abandoned in many directions and not till in 1924 to 30 was any oil struck in Jones County, and that was far to the southwest corner—the Noodle field. Now Jones Co. has hundreds of producing oil wells.

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VARIOUS ITEMS FROM THE HERALD OCT. 5, 1906

The Orient rialroad is handling more freight into Hamlin than is hauled to all other towns combined along their completed line in Texas. Hamlin is certainly IT.

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Postmaster Burnham has ordered more office fixtures in order to supply the rapidly increasing demand for boxes, etc.

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Hamlin now presents a wide open proposition for an electric light plant and the promotor who gets in on the ground floor at once will receive all the encouragement he might desire. Several parties have been here to look the situation over and some of them contemplate coming. We must have an uptodate plant.

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The Hamlin Commercial Club meets tonight (Oct. 5, 1906) at the office of Messrs. Whiteley Bros, if the weather permits. This little organization is a power in our midst and should be well attended. A vast amount of road and bridge work has already been done through the efforts of this body and more is in contemplation. Put your shoulder to the wheel.

HERALD MAY 22, 1914:

"Mr. Bowen Pope and family arrived Wednesday from Chillicothe and will move into the B. E. Celments house near the school house. Mr. Pope will actively take charge of the news and editorial department of the Herald on June 1st."

The above personal mention is now a few days over 25 years ago. The house the family lived in then for a few months, still stands on Hope Avenue. We had a host of the finest neighbors in the world. Our memories of each of those families is fresh and our appreciation of their kindness and encouragement continues to this day. We wish it were possible to enumerate all of their names. We find as we review the days of 25 years ago with them, that we now have a sad realization that so many of our oldtime friends have passed on, and some have gone to other parts of the world to reside. As we turn the pages of "The Record" we come upon items of news occasionally that refreshes a feeling of sadness and prompts a tear in memory of them. But we are happy to know that still there are scores of our oldtime neighbors left with us, to help us measure the periods of time as they pass.

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MUCH IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT, IN HAMLIN

Looking at a copy of The Herald of June 5, 1914, we note a report of a musical recital at the then High School Auditorium. In telling this now we do not mean to be critical of the people who lived in Hamlin in those good old days, but a thing happened that we have never forgotten. It was about "order." About the time the program was to start, a big 6 foot-6 man dressed in black appeared through a back-stage door, he pulled a big white hat off with his left hand and with a step or two forward he was on the front edge of the stage. He looked "awful tall" and stern. That man was City Marshal, Ed Bigbee, who spoke out in his lion-like manner with an uplifted fist,—"Folks, we'r gona have order here tonight, and I don't mean maybe." Everybody quieted down, especially the New Editors and children. It is different in this delightful year 1939, nothing needed now for order except a gentle wave of the hand. The music then was just as good as could be heard anywhere today.

Recitals in this age do not excite so much attention, because of the movies, the radio and the automobile. Solos, duets and double duets were special features in former years.

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HERALD MAY 1914:

"Hamlin has a well paved avenue as a business thoroughfare and many blocks of sidewalks leading to different sections of the city, but the recent contracted spell of rainy weather has shown the need of more sidewalks. Walks, trees, lawns and flowers are truly valuable to any city and Hamlin has many now but a few more would add much to her civic attractiveness. A very little money, but much labor and care will keep our streets, alleys and yards in tip top shape. The feeling one experiences in passing a well kept place compared to the place of weeds and rubbish is enough to repay, to say nothing of the healthfulness."

Thus were the observations of Ye Editor, the first week after coming to Hamlin 25 years ago. That same editorial has been restated time and again during the years. Back in 1914, please remember, it was very rainy. Then we had but few sidewalks, as compared with 1939. Stock were permitted in every lot—cows, mules, horses, hogs, chickens, and with plenty of rain there were swarms of flies. Most homes had fences for protection. So the new editor deemed it his duty to cry out for civic improvement. This 1939 finds a walk in front of nearly every home, and many of the disagreeable things have passed into history. We have come from a pioneer community to one of comparative cleanliness and order. We have proven that lovely homes and yards can be had, if we are willing to pay the price

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HERALD JULY 3, 1914:

"If you want your town to grow improve it. If you want your town lively make it so. Don't go to sleep, get up and work for it, talk about it and talk favorably. If you have property, improve it, paint your houses, make your surroundings pleasant and you will be worth more in the market. If you are doing reasonably well, advise your friends to come and invest near you. Work steadily for your home dealers. Keep your money at home as much as possible, and it will likely help you in return. . . The successful towns have been made by the property owners pulling together. Public improvement is an invesment that pays. Don't waste your time over dirty quarrels and hold back your aid from good objects through spite, but work for the good of the good of your town and you will find yourself benefitted."

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HERE IS A GOOD ONE ABOUT ADVERTISING COPIED FROM AN EXCHANGE, MAY 29, 1914:

"There is not a better index to the prosperity of a town than the appearance of the newspaper, printd in it. If the advertisements show that the business men have stocks that they are not ashamed of, if they advertise extensively and are continually replenishing their stocks with new and fresh goods; and are telling the people of what they have, just so far the town is not dead but thriving and wide awake . . . The uptodate town has many good advertisers."

The Herald's Interior Comforts Improved Over the Old

The only purpose of this page of e Herald is to make a "visual cord" of the conditions under hich we worked for TWENTY-WO full years, and the environ-ent of the present day facilities.

The first year of the present wnership of the Herald was spent a rented brick building, where ow is located the Clover Farm tore.

Rent was not high in those days. he building was the property of a rmer editor, G. E. Watford. It nted for only $30.00 per month. was a building constructed for a ore room, and had no lights or ntilation except in the front and ar, with a sky-light in the center. he events of that first summer in amlin made a vivid impression on e New Editors. Just a few weeks fter locating in Hamlin, the world as startled by the outbreak of the orld War. The copies of the Her-ld of those months carry many war ene pictures.

The World War was the first hock to the Herald's progress. The llowing fall cotton season was dis-eartening. A bumper crop, streets ll of pickers, and the price of cot-on dropped to below 5 cents. So ith increasing dangers of war, low rices and uncertainties, all of us ondered what to do.

Regardless of WAR, we realized hat Hamlin must grow, and that if did grow rents would go higher nd higher . . . that proved true. It as natural that the Herald wanted o be in its own home. We began o look around and finally decided o try an old building, known by ldtimers as the Pardue Store. The ront of that house is shown on the irst page. It was "home" and that eant much to us.

Three years of drouth and a fierce ar in which our own country en-ered, made a dark and almost hope-ess picture. This part of the state ad less rain in 1915 than in 1914, nd therefore less crops. We had ess rain in 1916 than in 1915 and ill less crops and the terrible year f 1918 will never be forgotten . . . ardly any rain and no crops. By hen most of our boys were in the ar service or were expecting to go. otton and all crops went sky high ut that did us no immediate good. ur farmers and their families ought work and picking in the Cen-ral part of Texas, and in the feed fields of the plains. During those rying years, water was scarce, indstorms were frequent, and the ld Herald home clanged and rat-led. The cold winds and dust would ome in and go out. But it was ome and we all were in the "ditch," nd there was nothing to do but ep fighting.

Beginning with 1916-17, as times rew worse, labor matters presented problem. This was true for all ndustries, especially newspapers. It as then that the Herald gave Ham-in girls a chance to set type (it was ll by hand) and the first lady type-etter was Miss Faye Ellis, whose ather, B. F. Ellis, was agent for the Orient. She continued to set Ham-in news matter till her family mov-d to Crowell and to this day Mr. llis is with the railroad as Cashier t McCamey, Texas. Miss Ellis was ater given a partner in the person of Miss Alice Holder, now Mrs. Bob ow, whose picture appears else-where in this issue, as Hamlin's first inotype operator. Their work was n the old iron-enclosed room shown n this page. Later Miss Ellis' place was taken by Miss Lella Thurman till her marriage to Earl Temple.

In 1918 it was hard to get men school teachers for two reasons, most of them were in war service, and salaries were low because people could not pay their taxes. Everybody felt called upon to "do their part" and as printing was skimp, we got it into our minds that we might again serve in the school room and at the same time keep the small amount of printing going in the Herald. We did not realize what a job we were tackling. But the fall of 1918 found us 'helping out in Hamlin's school." This meant a rush to the Herald office and write or lay out work for the girls till 8:20 A. M. and a rush again to reg-ister present at the school room be-fore 8:30. The lady typesetters handled all the news in sight, took orders for printing and carried on faithfully, till the editor rushed back at 4:20 P. M. The girls would con-tinue to work till 5:30 but the edi-tor would not let up till every press-ing job was out . . . often that would be as late as nine or ten o'clock. Then there were school papers to grade, preparations to go over and so the time left for sleep was too short. We went through all that with the help of two faithful girls, whose boy friends were across the Atlantic and they wanted to carry on here at home. In those days things were quiet in the old Herald office . . . no click, click and turn of a typesetting machine, not much talking either (believe it or not) and we are telling all this to show the contrast in conditions and situa-tions that have come about in the past 25 years.

On November 11, 1918, Hamlin had its greatest holiday, its greatest rejoicing, and that day, too, will never be forgotten. People were happy although nothing had been made, it was still dry but we were happy because our boys were soon to return from the war.

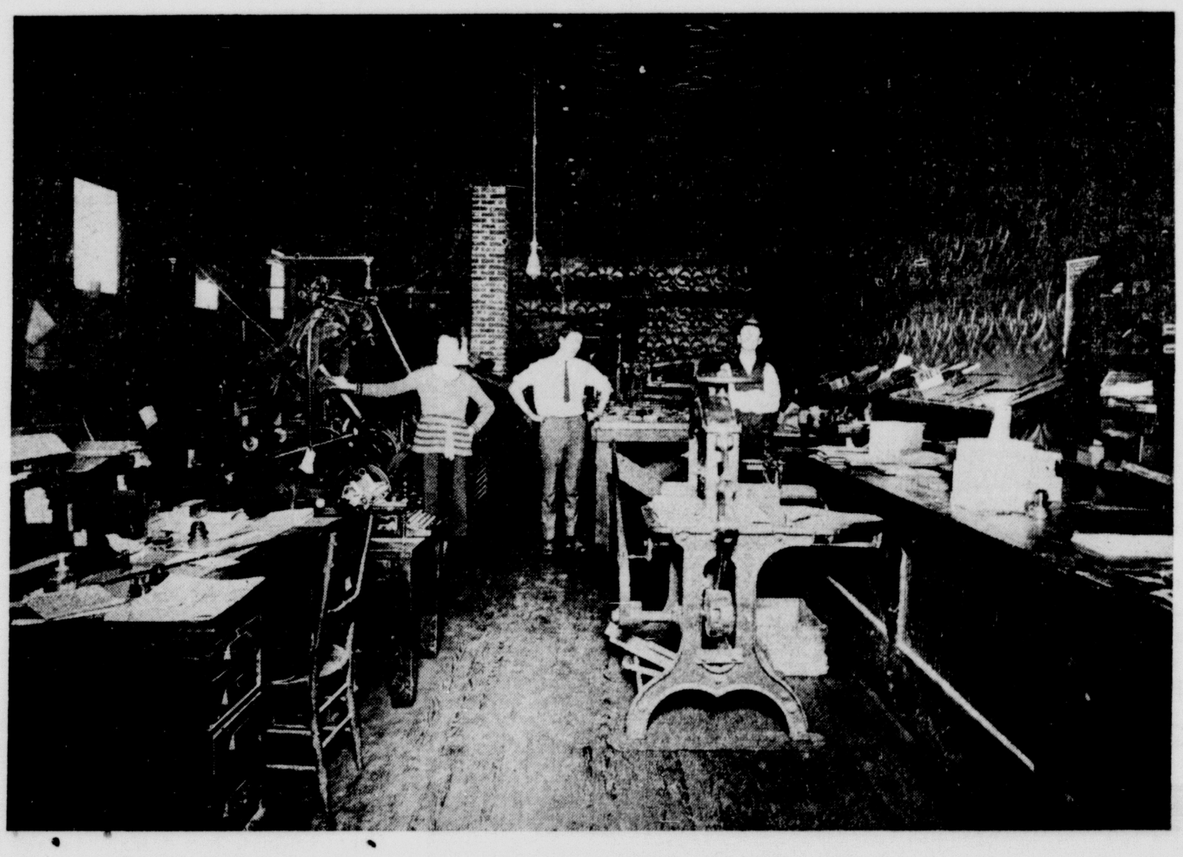
The year 1919 brought a new picture. By March rains and plen-ty of rains had set the country in fine shape. Everybody began to look forward to a new day, a new era, and it did prove a new era . . . an era that this nation had never witnessed before. The entire nation had been keyed up to meet any de-mand of a prolonged war. Great crops and great prices.

Anticipating a new day the Her-ald took a step for modernizing our equipment for meeting heavier de-mands on the shop. In March of 1919 we contracted for a model 14 linotype machine, costing around $4,000 which was the latest word in a typesetting machine. It was a great debt to shoulder when the road to the future was uncharted. This caused the disapperance of the handset type for news. By August in that year we were ready to be-gin solving the mysteries of a ma-chine that is said to contain more than 5,000 pieces. Ye Editor and Miss Holder fought out the battle with the machine. We sometimes wanted to blow it up and go back to the hand-set system. Each week we would learn something new and realize how easy it is when you know. Both of us in time mastered the intricate pile of wheels, springs, etc., but theer was just one thing that never stopped giving us trouble . . . it was the old gasoline system of heating the metal. Time went on and we found that we could set galley after galley of small type, and one great task accomplished soon after getting the machine, was the 14 pages of the old fashioned delinquent tax list for Jones County. During these days and before, a school boy spent his afternoons, mornings and Saturdays in the Herald office, his name was Elbert Harris. While others wrest-led with the machine he learned the type cases. We now reach the scene of the interior picture.

Girls who make good in a news-paper office usually get married and make good at housekeeping. Miss Holder's soldier boy friend re-turned from the battle fields of France, and in time she retired from the print shop and became a wife and housekeeper. Her place was taken by Miss Mattie Owen, who is seen as the regular linotypist in the old building, along with the editor and Mr. Harris who by this time had learned the mysteries of type and printing. From the days of 1916, women have played a big part in operating the Herald. Miss Owen, like the girls before her, gave up the linotype and began managing a household. However, not only has Mrs. Frank Johnson returned time and again to help the Herald out in case of a rush, but Mrs. Low did likewise in the earlier days. So in the scenes of the old and the modern we see one or the other of them re-appearing as a part of the Herald force.

Looking back now at the scene in the old building where we had to use our typewriter, do our book-keeping, read our proof, meet our visitors, figure out job work and advertising, in such open and un-





protected place, it seems a marvel to us as to how it was done. The only heat before gas came, was from the old stove by the side of the brick flue in the far end of the building. A ton of coal a month would not keep us warm. Lights were from simple drops and the shadows in night work presented a hindrance. The paper stock, the cutter, the binding or finishing ta-bles and make-up stones, type and presses were in close contact till everything in this situation was heard or effected the other. It took a lot of self control to do even rea-sonable work under such trying con-itions. We did it for twenty-two ears. A part of those years our power was by a three H. P. Fair-banks Morse gasolene engine, which pulled the newspaper and the job presses. If we had a light load that power pulled it and if the load was heavy it was all we had. It was a good old engine. It would freeze up in winter and get too hot in summer. It was out of fix much of the time and at other times would run away with the presses, regardless of the necessity of going slower. It would either go in a hurry or not at all. It is appropriate here to say that with all this old makeshift, the Herald tried to keep the place clean as possible under the circumstances. However it will be recalled that one summer afternoon a three-year old rattle snake was killed in the shop, and mice and rats had private en-trances and privileges. We showed no partiality to anyone or anything. For twenty-two years we kept striv-ing, hoping that some day we could have a better place in which to work and grow.

Years went on, 1929 came and again a terrible thing happened that kept our dream away for almost an-other ten years. No one need be told of the "Depression." The de-pression years were equal to the "three years of drouth" or worse. We contented ourselves with what we had and kept up the fight for existence. Some times the clouds would clear away and then darken again. The rattle of the "tin," the sandstorms or zero northers and frozen rollers had to be endured.

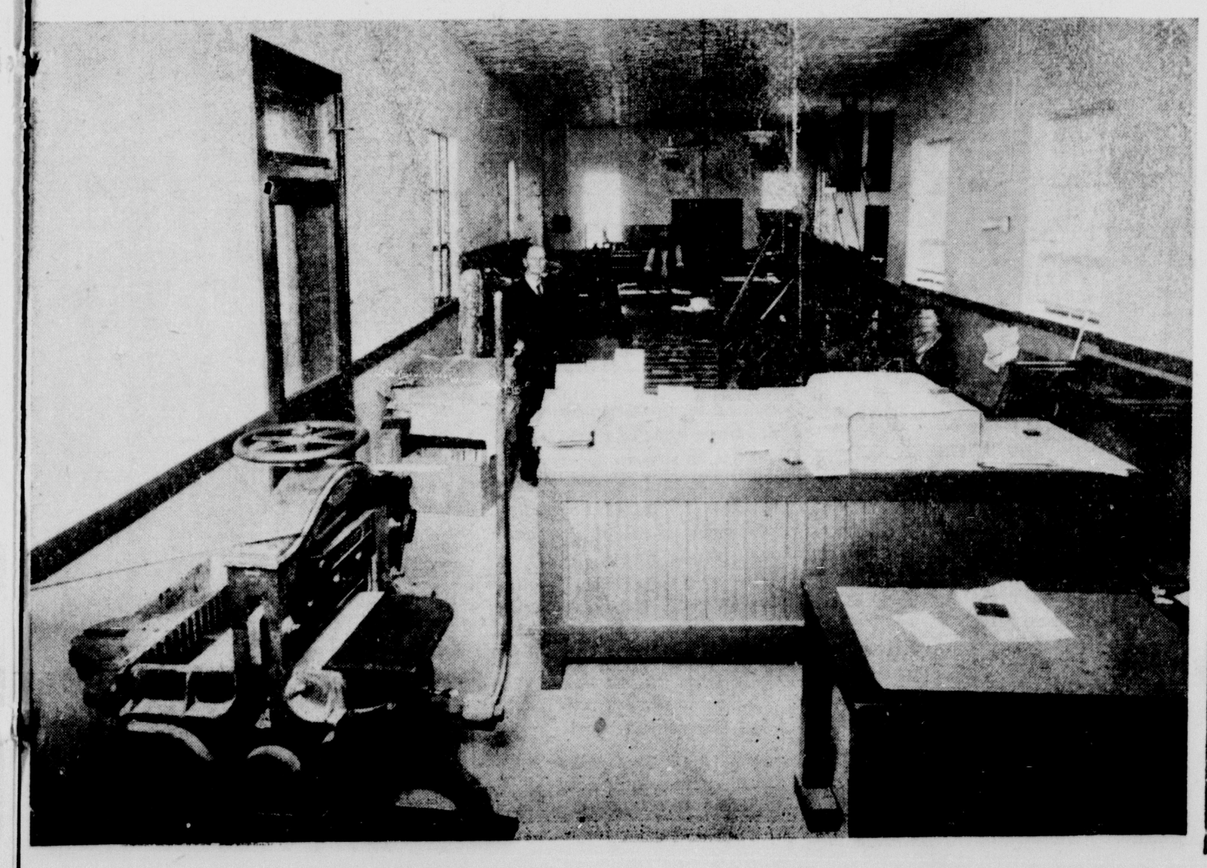
In 1937, once again we ventured on an improvement enterprise. This time to erect the home for the Her-ald we had for nearly twenty-five years hoped and longed for.

The Herald offers a comfortable, clean quiet private lobby for the customer. The natural lighting, the ventilation control is adjustable in the front office. The new home has a private editorial office, easily lighted and air controlled. Many conveniences have been arranged in extreme contrast to the old place. are now kept syetoainshrdetaoinetaoi Records and advertising materials are now kept systematically. The present Herald home is constructed for printing purposes and not a make-shift built to shelter something else.

The back office of the Herald as shown here, is compact, is lighted from every side, has ample indirect lights for night work, a convenient entrance for freight and express, the floors are concrete well rein-forced, the windows are all steel and a minimum of dust and wind can enter, the heating is done by a series of gas stoves, and the whole inte-rior is tempered by colors that are easy on the eye.

The Herald took room space is convenient and large enough to keep much more stock of paper and supplies than can be used.

The new interior here shown in-dicates a new atmosphere for work. Again we see the force. The Chief Operator and foreman of the Her-ald, Mr. H. G. Hull, may be seen at the make-up stone, while at the lino-type machine again appears Mrs. Frank Johnson (formerly Miss Owen. (She is helping out as an ex-tra once again at the linotype.



THE PAPER AND THE COMMUNITY

(This is the heading of an article found in the Herald on July 23, 1915.)

Every loyal citizen of a communi-ty should take his home paper.

The local newspaper is one of the greatest assets to any country and should be supported and encouraged as such, not with the feeling of charity towards the editor, as is too often the case, but in the firm con-viction that in supporting the paper you are contributing to the uplift of the community and consequently enhancing the value of your own holdings.

How many years have you been reading this paper, anyway?

And don't you feel deep down in your heart that it has been worth more to you than it has cost you?

How would you like to be deprived of the opportunity of ever seeing another issue of it? In other words, just how would you like to live in this community if there were no pa-per published here, no medium from which you could ascertain the do-ings of the people of the communi-ty, no medium of exchange in the matter of barter and sale, no me-dium through which YOU could make your wants known to the people ex-cept by climbing into a buggy and spending days in driving from one place to another? Just how would you like that, the pill would be somewhat bitter, wouldn't it?

Well, don't worry — you are in no danger of losing your home pa-per. This article is written merely for the purpose of causing you to do a little thinking on this essential home enterprise.

We want you—all of you—to real-ize that this paper is not being pub-lished just for the glory of the edi-tor. It is a public institution, it is an important part of the communi-ty itself. This paper is for prog-ress, for commercial advancement, for pride, for the development and encouragement of every legitimate interest that will be of value to our people. We are laboring to that end and we want you to labor with us. And that our labors may cover a greater field and bear fruit, we want every family in the community to read the paper, to know what others are doing, to lend a helping hand in making this one of the most thriv-ing and prosperous sections of the state.

RECENT COMPLIMENTS FROM FELLOW EDITOR

Recently the Herald had the honor of a short visit from Editor and Mrs. J. E. Kelley of Stanton. The following week he almost "overdid" himself in compliments towards the Herald. We may not deserve all of it but what "is writ is writ, and what is printed is printed," so here it is:

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley had been up in North Texas. He says, 'We cut across to Hamlin, a town we had never visited in all our travels through that section but we had heard much about the sayings of Bowen Pope in his Hamlin Herald, and too, much comment about him when he represented that district in the legislature. Visiting the Herald office was worth our trip. Talk about a lady's immaculately clean kitchen, and you have the interior of the Hamlin Herald Office. Built expressly for his printing office. All machinery and equipment down to the quoin key, is as clean as a pin. In the lobby of the new home we met Mrs. Pope who informed us the "he-man" of the concern was out running around on business. Dis-covering the neatness and orderly arrangement of everything in the shop, we debated sometime before we got up enough courage to ask Mrs. Pope to exchange papers with us. But she accepted the challenge with pleasure. Mr. Pope was get-ting his sails all set to issue a spe-cial edition honoring his twenty-fifth year in Hamlin.

If you do not take the Herald—subscribe and enjoy it every week.

Hamlin's Post Office Department Shows Rermanent Growth

One of the first problems confronting the quick and early growth of Hamlin was taking care of the vast amount of mail addressed to the "New Town."

Fortunately, Hamlin has had experienced and very efficient postmasters and clerks and after the coming of the Rural Mail Service, Hamlin has had carriers as capable as can be found in all the nation.

The history of Hamlin's Postal Department is made possible through the courtesies of former postmaster C. B. Rowland and present postmaster, Harold Bonner, who have dug into the records and found many interesting facts which go to prove that the growth of the post office has shown an equal growth of the entire community.

B. H. BURNHAM,

FIRST POSTMASTER

With the establishment of the Hamlin post office in 1905, B. H. Burnham, who at that time lived on a ranch west of Hamlin was postmaster. In 1908 his receipts jumped to $13,068.40, and that was almost a record till many years passed.

Postmaster Bonner gives us the following reports for postal receipts for Hamlin after 1908, he skips to the almost fatal year 1918 when only $8,007.71 was taken in. This will be remembered as the third year of the great drouth.

RECENT RECEIPTS:

—1935	$13,77070
—1936	$15,125.38
—1937	$16,780.76
—1938	$17,236.22

The last figures show that Hamlin is climbing at this time in patronage of the local post office.

Dropping back to some more history: The post office was formerly located in the D. J. Payne building, back of what is now the Safeway Stoores, most of the past thrty years. Here not only Mr. Burnham, but W. L. Brown, Y. C. White and Cas B. Rowland, served Hamln as postmasters. Just a few years ago, a Ft. Worth company secured a contract for leasing a post office building in Hamlin and the present structure was built and occupied, while Mr. Rowand was the chief.

It i s interesting here to relate something about the late B. H. Burnham, who kept an interest in Hamlin for many years after serving as postmaster. In 1914 the present owner of the Herald met Mr. Burnham, and one very striking part of Mr. Burnham's conversation was that he believed oil existed in his neighborhood. He seldom ever came to town but that he would advance the oil subject. Had Mr. Burnham lived till the good year 1928 his belief would have been confirmed. Oil was struck in the Hitson community and on the lands he owned and there are today several good wells, one of which is known as the Abney Daniel well. Mrs. Daniel before her marriage was a Burnham. And not only are wells on the Burnham ranch, but in that area there are about 125 other producers. Mr. Burnham's oil dream came true a few years after his death.

W. L. Brown, former Postmaster, had a remarkable record of keeping neat perfect postal records in his office. He was followed by Y. C. White, a son of the late Dr. David White, one of Hamlin's first citizens, who for a long time made this city his home. Mr. White is now a prominent citizen of Arizona.

Y. C. White was followed by C. B. Rowland, as postmaster, whose picture is given on this page. Mr. Rowland's services as postmaster was followed by the present postmaster, Harold Bonner.



POSTMASTER HAROLD BONNER

In digging into the life history of Harold Bonner, we learn that he was born in Fisher County, January 14, 1897, near Captola. His father now resides in Sweetwater, and the son like the father is a staunch democrat, and takes an active part in his country's affairs.

After graduating from the Captola High School, Harold soon enlisted in the army in 1918 and was assigned to the 155th Depot Brigade, at Camp Lee St. Petersburg., Virginia. He was discharged Jan. 7, 1919, and afterwards took a prominent part as a member of the American Legion, being at present Chaplin of the local Keifer Patterson Post.

You would not think it, but Harold Bonner, your postmaster, once operated a blacksmith shop and managed a cotton gin. He was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Clark at Roscoe, Texas on March 9, 1923. The couple have no children of their own, but have adopted two children of Mrs. Bonner's sister, Janet, age 7 and Robert age 5 years.

On June 1, 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Bonner moved to Hamlin and Mr. Bonner became manager of the Gray Lumber Yard, and later he took a clerical position with the R. B. Spencer Lumber Company, from which place, he was appointed to the post office and began his services on Jan. 15, 1936.

From the very beginning, Harold Bonner was a friend-maker in Hamlin. His gentlemanly bearing and optomistic disposition, and his even way of life makes him a dependable citizen.

Mr. Bonner is a director of the Jones County Red Cross, prominent in the Lions Club and a member of the Church of Christ and an Elder in that church. If Mr. Bonner has a hobby it is photography. He collects interesting pictures on all of his outings to prove where he has been.

Elsewhere in this number of the Herald will be seen other facts about the boys in the above picture. But at this point, we should say that the first young man, Mart O. Farrow, shown above, passed away while serving as postal clerk. He was loved and honored by all who knew him.

The carriers shown above represent that quality of determination that makes the carrying of mail into rural communities possible. They at first used the Model T Ford and it was very sure to get'em out with the load and bring 'em back again. Rural mail delivery is one of the greatest modern services of the federal government to the farmer.

A PIONEER IN POSTAL SERVICE



C. B. ROWLAND
Former Postmaster

The history of the postal department expansion in Hamlin would be incomplete if we did not drop back and give a sketch of a real pioneer of Jones County, and a "hero" of the postal service in Texas, our esteemed and beloved Cass B. Rowland.

Former postmaster Rowland has handled more mail than any other man who ever lived in Hamlin; he has dispatched more mail than any man in Jones County and we venture to say that he perhaps holds a record for any man in Texas.

Cass Rowland began his service handling the United States mail when quite a young fellow, and constantly, steadily and faithfully he has kept right on, regardless of political administrations, he has had some form of postal service. Mr. Rowland is not postmaster now, but you will find his sincere face before the windows as of olden days. He plays any and all parts in the local office, as a clerk. He has grown with the service through a long period of years, in many departments, through hectic days, boom times, in over-heated, under-heated, over-loaded mail trains and rushes of all kinds. He is a seasoned soldier of the department, and as such, as an auxilliary clerk since. He worked in the Railway Mail service several years and before taking up that work was Assistant Postmaster at Sweetwater, Texas. I have a very strong recommendation from the Postmaster at Sweetwater. I have found Mr. Rowland can fill any place in a postoffice and do it well. He is well posted on the P. L. & R. His work in the mailing division has been almost perfect, in fact he has the reputation of putting out the best mail of any clerk on the Waco & Rotan R. P. O. This can be confirmed by any clerk on that line. I regret very much to give him up, but if he can get a better job there with better chances for promotion, I will readily give my consent,"

Respectfully, Y. C. WHITE,
Postmaster."

Then Mr. White asked that Mr. Rowland remain here till the first of June, for White says "To let him go now would throw me in a hole, as good help is very scarce."

Time changes desires, and that was true in the case of Mr. Rowland. Mr. White resigned his place on April 12, 1919, and here is what Mr. Rowland reports about his beginning as postmaster in Hamlin:

'I took office as Acting Postmaster in Hamlin on April 13, 1919 and my first commission was dated February 5th, 1920, signed by Woodrow Wilson, President; Albert Sidney Johnson, Postmaster General. I served under the following Presidents: Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Roosevelt. My commission as postmaster expired Feb. 5, 1936, but in order to protect my Civil Service status I resigned as postmaster and was re-instated to the classified service, effective January 16, 1936.

ROWLAND'S SERVICE IN HAMLIN DATES BACK 23 YEARS

Before we follow Mr. Rowland in Hamlin we must go away back to the year 1909 and tell you that he was connected with the Clyde postoffice as assistant postmaster, and in 1910 appointed to a clerkship in the classified service in he Sweetwater office, and later was promoted to assistant postmaster there.

Mr. Rowland then transferred to the Railway Mail Service on April 1, 1914, and saw some hard service in the Rio Grande Valley in those days when thousands of soldiers were guarding that section against Poncho Villa.

The complete story of Mr. Rowland's service would be too long to tell at this time, but he does have a wonderful record. He is proud of his profession, for it is a profession . . . one outstanding thing about all his work, regardless of the place he fills he is loyal to the very letter, granting honor and fidelity to his superiors in the service. He always made top grades in every examination, for example, in the railway mail dispatching test, he handled 1003 letters in 39 minutes and got 996 correct, making a grade of 99.3. He proved his knowledge of train connections when he answered 90 times correct out of 90 connections.

Cass Rowland has a right to be proud of his various commissions, as postmaster in Hamlin, having the signatures of so many different Presidents.

The Herald Editor has been looking C. B. Rowland in the face through the office window, almost every day for about 23 years; we have lived as his neighbor, and as steady as the sunshine in West Texas, he has "pulled" at his postal job. We have learned much of his life and record. He has won many honor rolls, one of which is in the hearts of Hamlin people.

Before closing this history, we will tell you that Cass B. Rowland was born in Tipersville, Miss., August 23, 1883. He was just seven years of age when he came with his parents to Jones County and settled in the Funston-Swans Chapel communities seven miles east of Anson. He graduated from the Stamford High School in 1904, completed a commercial course in a college in Abilene in 1910 and completed an English course in the International Correspondence School, 1912. Mr. Rowland has a beautiful handwriting and uses extra good English.

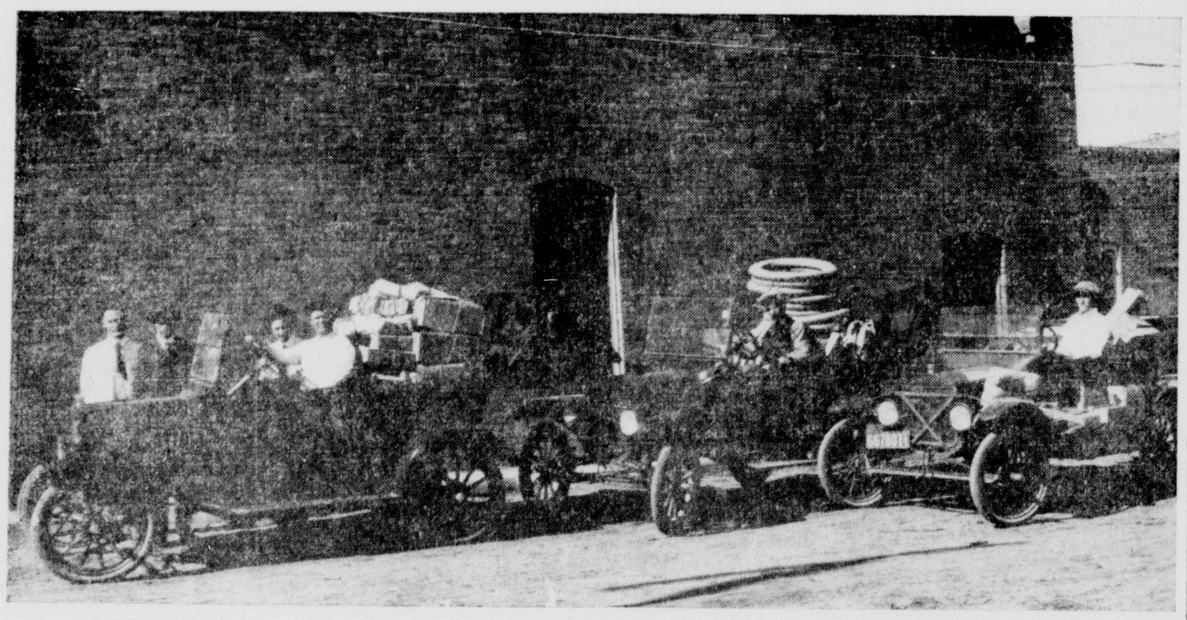
At the age of 15 Cass was making a trip back to Mississippi, and in route he boarded a train, of which an uncle, A. J. Rowland, was mail clerk. The conductor permitted the boy to ride in the mail car with his uncle. There it was that young Rowland got the fascination of wanting to handel mail.

Mr. Rowland was married to Miss Hettie Proctor, January 22, 1905. She was 17 and he 21 years of age. They have four children, namely Mrs. W. A. Young, Hope, New Mexico; Brad Rowland, Hamlin; Gladys Rowland, Houston; and Mrs. W. L. McGlothlin of Abilene. All four of the children are graduates of the Hamlin High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland have a nice home on Jackson Avenue.

Mr. Rowland is a member of the Church of Christ and the Masonic Order. He never had a hobby except "work" but lately, under the influence of his son, he is starting GOLF.

OLD-TIMERS LOADED UP, READY TO GO



Reading from left to right: The late Mart O. Farrow, clerk; Postmaster, C. B. Rowland; Ira Clements, the clerk, (later carrier on Rt. 4. The man holding tight to his old Model T., is L. B. Pribble, now carrier on Rt 1; the next fellow, loaded up and 'a rarin' to go" is W. L. Fletcher, Jr., carrier of Rt. 3 and next we see Carl Childers, carrier of Rt. 3, now in Abilene. This scene is at the rear of the former post office location in the Payne building.

ODDITIES AT THE FAIR

NEW YORK—Here are a few of the strikingly unusual things visitors will find at the New York World's Fair 1939:

A parachute tower from which visitors may "bail out" at an elevation of 250 feet and be sure of a "happy landing."

Revolving "magic carpets" from which you may look down as from a height of two miles upon "The City of Tomorrow" inside the 200-foot Perisphere.

A "Tree of Life" carved from the trunk and branches of an elm planted in Connecticut in 1781 by Revolutionary War prisoners.

"Steve Brodie" jumping six times a day from a reproduction of the Brooklyn Bridge.

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The most valuable wheat field for its size in the world in full growth.

Five million dollars worth of diamonds, rubies, emeralds and other gems in one glittering display.

The steel-walled bathysphere in which descent has been made miles down in the black depths of the ocean.

"Rocket gun" by which passengers will be shot to the moon, or Mars someday—perhaps.

The model of a human eye so large visitors may enter it and look out upon the Fair's busy scene just as if the eye were doing the looking.

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Two hundred blooded cows being milked daily on a revolving platform.

An orange grove transplanted intact all the way from Florida.

Automobiles with living drivers in hair-raising collisions and flying somersaults.

The largest opal in the world.

An oil well in operation with real drillers in the "cast."

The largest model railroad ever constructed.

Puppets 14 feet tall dramatizing the contents of the familiar bathroom medicine cabinet.

Displays of rare orchids, renewed every three days by plants flown to the Fair from Venezuela.

The tremendous discharge of 10,000,000 volts of man-made lightning.

A Brazilian exhibit building erected on stilts.

A floor made of cotton.

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Ricksha runners from South Africa six and a half feet tall and clad mostly in feathers, horns and beads.

A waterfall cascading from the high roof of a building.

Mural paintings that change their colors while you're looking at them.

Fireworks set to music in related patterns of color and light.

A city entirely populated by midgets.

An automobile speedway half a mile long on top of an exhibit building.

Mighty snowstorms sweeping down out of a clear Spring sky.

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A building turned inside out with its roofbeams on the outside.

Moving chairs traveling around in a building so visitors won't have to walk.

A flight to Venus so real you'll swear you've been there and met the folks.

The tallest mural paintings in the world.

A model of New York City so large that the Empire State Building is reproduced 23 feet tall.

A sphere 200 feet in diameter seeming to revolve on jets of water, like the little silver ball in the shooting-gallery.

A fountain that sings.

Paintings that have to be destroyed every night and done all over again next morning.

A "Fountain of the Atom," with electrons and protons dancing around a pulsating shaft of light.



Old Heads know how to make Texas telephones talk...

Your telephone in Texas is served by folks who learned their trade in the school of experience . . . By men who know the feel of a sleet-lashed pole in a wintry wind...By women to whom the state's vast copper network of three million miles of wire is as an open book.

Of the 8,700 employees who watch day and night over this company's lines in Texas, nearly 4,500 have at least 10 years of telephone experience. More than 1,000 of these have been in the business for 20 years or longer, and a small group of 186 veterans count their years of telephone service at 30 and more.

From department heads down, their friendly "know how", born of years of experience, plays a vital part in giving fast, dependable telephone service, at a price that is reasonable to you.

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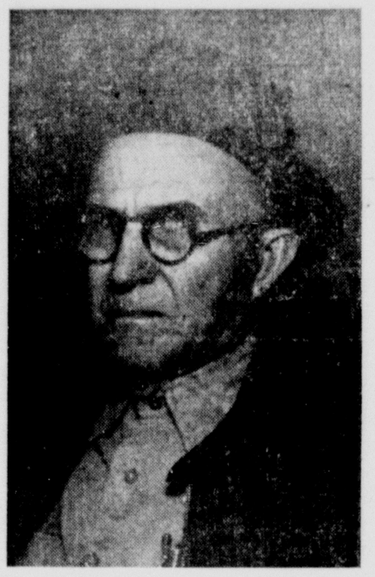
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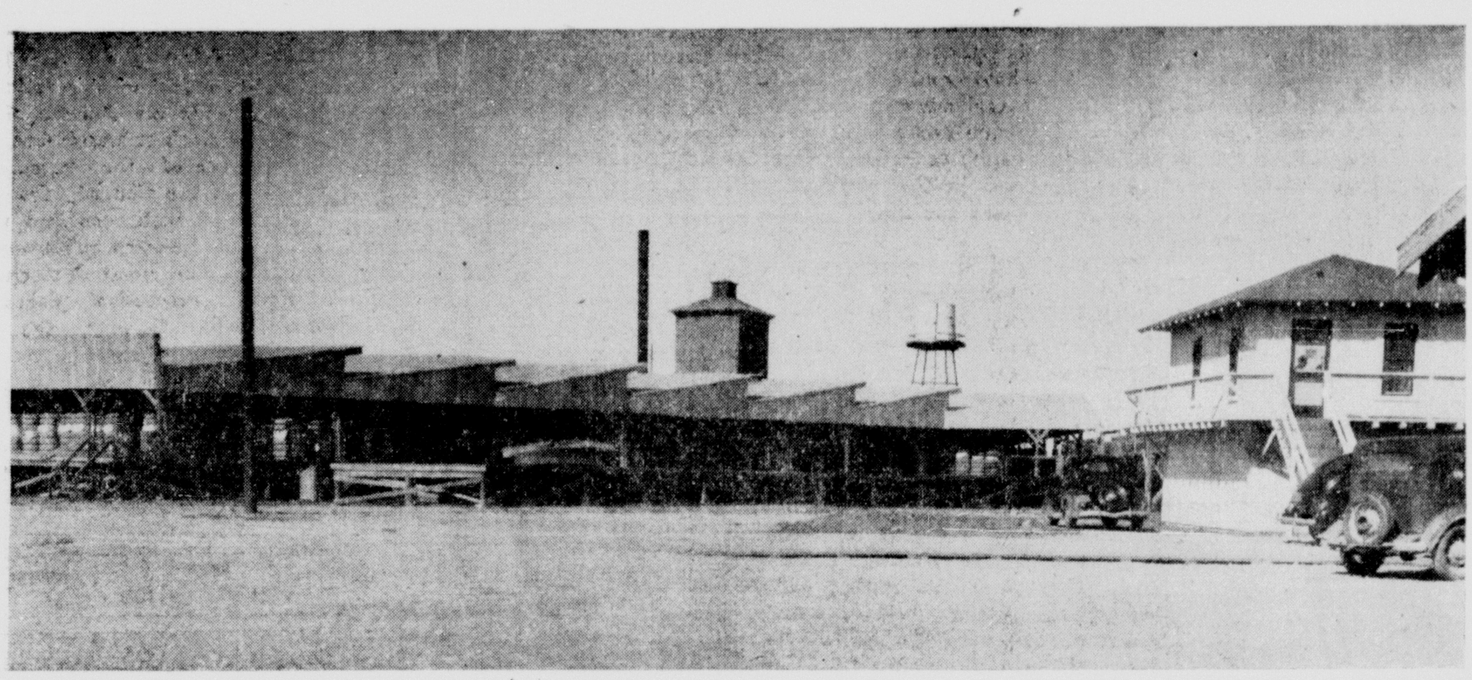
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3 Years

Hamlin's First Linotypist Deserves Pioneer Place

The files of the Herald in 1919 show that a new type dress had been acquired. It was the various faces of the type cast by a new machine, popular the world over as the "linotype."

Before the coming of the linotype, the Herald was set by hand in the old fashion 10 point. Each letter, each punctuation point, each space was set in by hand. Advertising was slow, and the exposition of prices was limited. Job work faced all the limitations that the news columns and advertising endured.

Some time before the purchase of the linotype, Mrs. Low, (then Miss Holder) learned the art of setting type by hand and from the start she showed skill as a "type architect." Printers will understand that term. It requires architecture, and artistic taste to be a good compositor.

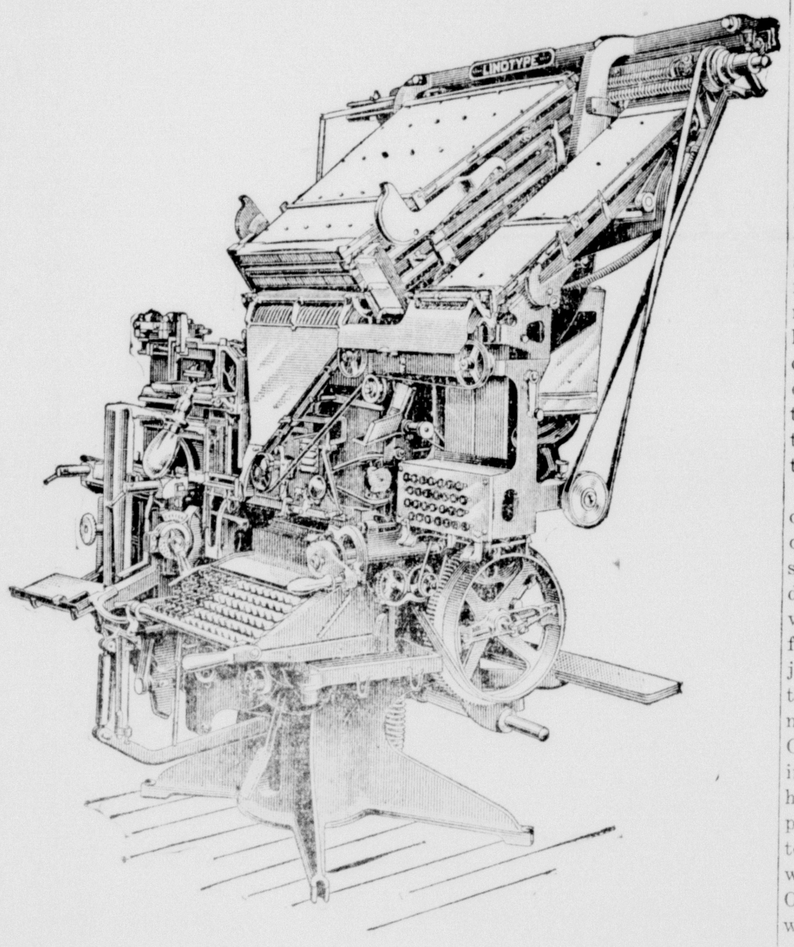


MRS. BOB LOW
(formerly Miss Alice Holder)

The Herald is presenting Mrs. Low in this issue out of consideration for her services in the early days of the linotype.

Perhaps Mrs. Low had never seen a typesetting machine before the accompaning illustrated machine arrived in Hamin in August of 1919.

During the time the factory man was setting up the machine, Mrs. Low kept on her regular work, hand-setting type, both news and advertising. But notwithstanding her work she kept a keen ear on every word spoken, and therefore after the machinist had left it with the editor and the young lady, she had already accumulated many useful points. But what BOTH of us knew would have made a very small book. We were at first afraid of the pile of 5,731 pieces, wheels, springs, and peculiar gadgets. The thing would all of a sudden stop like a pesky mule, and of coure it was "jam-tight." Just



what on earth caused it, we could not figure out. But we wiggled some gadget and all of a sudden it would start turning again. Hours and days wore by, the machine got on our nerves . . . . we wanted to blow the thing into smithereens.

One of Mrs. Low's characteristic remarks when something went wrong with the machine, was, "I know we are blowed up now." It often looked that way too. In those days the metal was melted by a contraption called a gasoline burner. Nobody but persons who have dealt with a linotype gasoline burner or a printing press gasoine engine can fully appreciate the pleasure (?) of running a newspaper in such an age.

By 1920 Miss Holder could line up any kind of type matter on the machine. She could set a baseball score report, and even delinquent tax rolls like an old trooper. The Files of the Herald shows six, eight and ten pages of regular matter in those days. The Herald published 14 pages of delinquent tax tracts for Jones County Commissioners' Court. We set and published City ordinances and everything required. One big advertising campaign was for Hamlin merchants, running into about 40 pages over a period of a few months. Yes, we DO look back over such "green" years with the linotype machine and wonder "how it was done."

One of the many strange things about the machine happened on the first day of January 1920. That day, there was an airplane in town, and to celebrate, Ye Editor was to take up a bunch of circulars and throw out greetings from the sky to Hamlin people. It was a cold morning, but we went up, we got our first air thrill, we dumped out circulars away up over the Katy and only a few ever hit the ground near Hamlin, but landed south on some farms. Anyway, the ride was so enjoyable we did not come back to the Herald office. We "flew" over it and waved to the operator, "so long." We went to Anson that morning and when we got back, Miss Holder had a look of consternation . . . . not a thing hardly had she done while we were away. She said Mr. Pope, this thing has gone crazy again . . something has got it jammed tight. Fortunately, we glanced at a point where a little cog wheel had come off and an, example of our early linotype experiences.

In time our valued young linotype operator was married to Mr. Bob Low, her experience in the Herald office and especially with the machine will ever remain- an outstanding period of her life.

To-day, this young woman is one of Hamlin's charming young matrons. Two sons, Bob Jack and Larry and her husband offer plenty of work for her. It will be interesting to read in this issue an article which her son, Bob Jack composed in the contest, "Why Trade in Hamlin." He has journalistic ability, and his mother, Hamlin's first linotypist deserves much credit for his training and aspirations.

IT IS ECONOMY
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The actual money savings in a years time will be many times the subscription price.

The Herald has never missed an issue—and only a few times late in TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

A Worthy Representative of All Pioneers of the Hamlin Community

One of the greatest regrets of the Herald, in publishing this Anniversary edition, is that we can not have the picture and life record of each and every pioneer man and woman of this western land, who have spent fifty years or more, striving to make this a community of high standards of happiness and prosperity.

Looking about for a typical representative of all the Pioneers, we found that material and other factors caused us to nominate Rev. J. A. Young, of the Swedonia community, in Fisher County as the man most likely to fit every other pioneer and be their worthy representative.

Brother Young is a man, whom to know is to admire and love. He has a character make-up that entitles him to front rank among the first. He is kind, affectionate, considerate, appreciative, generous, sympathetic, conservative, and above all a very devout Christian gentleman.

Brother J. A. Young is not a native Texan, for he represents a fine type of humanity far across the waters, and away north in the land of Sweden. He came to the United States at about the age of 20, and from his record, he was connected with the Texas State University on its opening in 1883, as an assistant in installing and caring for some part of the chemical and physical laboratory. He received only $20.00 per month, but that was a great salary for a boy, and an emigrant. Mr. Young remained with the University work one year and then married and moved to Fisher County, taking up lands in the community which now bears the name "Swedonia."

So closely did Mr. Young stay with his ranching and farming that he did not return for a visit to the University till 53 years had passed. Fifty-three years of American and Texas progress wrought many changes over the lands, and especially in and about the familiar grounds of the State University.

This pioneer man, with his Jones and Fisher County neighbors, had a faith in their new country, undimmed. They laid out roads, built homes, established schools and churches, created sentiments for decent living, enforced the laws of the land, took an interest in electing the best possible men to carry on their government in all its phases.

A new day did dawn. Citizens of other countries and states, learned of the climate, the fertility of the soil, the high type of citizens and dozens of other advantages which would enable them to rear their families. They came, they too, joined in the battle of conquering the coyote, the rattle snake and the mesquite. Fisher County and Jones County along with all the surrounding counties were soon dotted with happy homes, and a prosperous people. New railroads came, new towns sprang up, and among them was Hamlin, named for one of the Orient Townsite promoters. Hamlin was in Jones County, about 9 miles east of the Rev. J. A. Young home. He has always been proud of Hamlin and has watched its growth with pride and satisfaction.

J. A. Younge had the fortune of getting the second oil well in the Fisher County area. The Texas Company. —D. W. Stephens Well No. 1 was the first, about three miles west of the Young residence. This was in 1928, and since that time the oil companies, Cranfil-Reynolds (now General Crude,) Texas Company, Sinclair and others have developed many wells in and about the Young place.

One fine characteristic of Mr. Young, wealth and general prosperity does not excite him. He has an even keel of life, and it all seems to make him all the more humble, and grateful.

The last few years of Bro. Young's life he has written several interesting articles. One on Cotton, and on this page, we give you his interpretation of the importance of "Time." This was prepared several months ago and we have held it back from publication till this issue. It will mean much to the readers if they will see that he is trying to impress upon you the importance of making each hour count for something worthwhile.

"THE TICK OF THE CLOCK"

(By J. A. YOUNG)

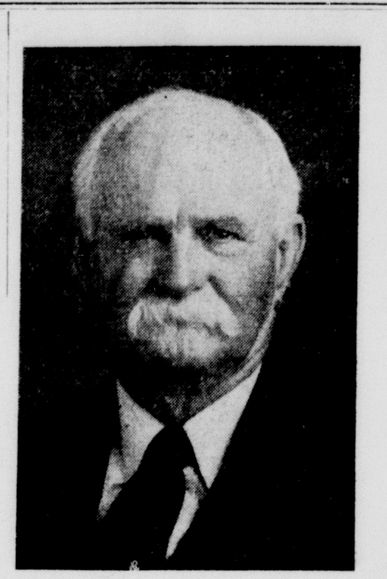
The clock (or watch) is a device for measuring time. We have not always had it in the form as we have it in our modern day, but in the early centuries nature and planets became mediums of service, such as the cock crowing, the dawning of the day, noon, and sunset. In addition to these we had some other crude devices for telling the passing of time.

We shall mention a few of them. First, we notice the stone dish; with a small hole in the bottom, it was placed on a water surface, the water seeping slowly through the hole in the bottom, and in the course of time the dish did sink. It took approximately three minutes, or sufficient time to boil an egg. Next we see the rope spun from flax. It had knots so many inches apart, and an equal time was counted as the rope was burning between the knots. Next we find a large candle with rings on it of black and white the same distance apart, and an equal time was counted between those rings.

There was also the sun dial spoken of in Isaih 38:8, which by earnest prayer was turned backward ten degrees as an evidence that the prayer of Hezekiah had been heard.

And then we have the hour or sand-glass. It was perhaps one of the most reliable devices of that age, or more so than the others mentioned. The writer of this article well remembers the Minister coming into his elevated pulpit; after placing his manuscript in order, he turned the hour-glass over which consisted of two cone like glasses connected by a small hole. This was filled with fine white sand running from one end to the other. The time required was equivalent to one hour of our present time.

Another device was the Clapsydra, or water clock, consisting of four or more copper jars, the water dripping from one to the other, and in the lowest one was a float with a graduated mark on the side of the bottom jar indicating the time. It was not until nine hundred and ninety that the mechanical clock was in-



REV. J. A. YOUNG

vented, by William Abbott of Hurscgou. It consisted of gears pulled with weights, and from that invention we have the Grand-fathers Clock which we prize so highly. The largest clock we know, was built for the Colgate Factory in Jersey City in 1894. Its minute hand is thirty-seven feet and three inches in length, and the hour hand twenty-seven feet and six inches, with a combined weight of nearly four tons. The dial is fifty feet across and can be read for many miles. The invention of the watch is credited to Peter Hale and Robert Hooke in the sixteenth century.

But the object of this article was not to discuss the delicate mechanism of the clock or watch, but rather the influence of the "Tick of the clock." At the tick of the clock 7,148,500 of both men and women in the United States go through the gates into our great factories and take their respective places, the wheels begin to whir, the saws, planes, hammers, spinning machines, looms and dies are set into motion, all being busy attending to their respective jobs.

At the tick of the clock, 7,949,455 men and women step into the different offices of this great land typewriters and adding machines begin to click, and messages are sent over both land and sea. The atmosphere is permeated with correspondence both north and south, east and west. At the tick of the clock 1,073,026 teachers and instructors in the United States swing open the doors of our great institutions of learning and invite 31,618,000 children and youth between five and seventeen years of age to partake of their knowledge. Happy is that child that can see his or her need and avail himself of this great opportunity.

At the tick of the clock the automatic device which holds the treasures of this land does open, the laborer walks up to the window and receives his or her compensation. The wheels of commerce begin to turn, the channels of trade begin to flow between men and nations. The railroad engineer stands in the cabin of of the powerful engine, one hand on the throttle and his watch in the other. He is eagerly looking forward up the rail wondering if he can make connection with the other train on schedule time. Finally he makes the last mile and is ready to give the signal of his coming. The tick of the clock played an important part in his own behalf as well as the cargo for which he was responsible.

The physician sits by the side of his patient holding the hand of the patient in his own hand; with the watch in the other, he feels the pulsating blood-stream flowing through the veins, whereby he in many instances can technically foretell the span of life of that individual. At every tick of the clock statistics tell us that one soul is urshered into the great eternity to render an account for all the deeds done in this body. How that should stir our hearts to vigilance and self-examination, in order that we may be ready when that last tick comes.

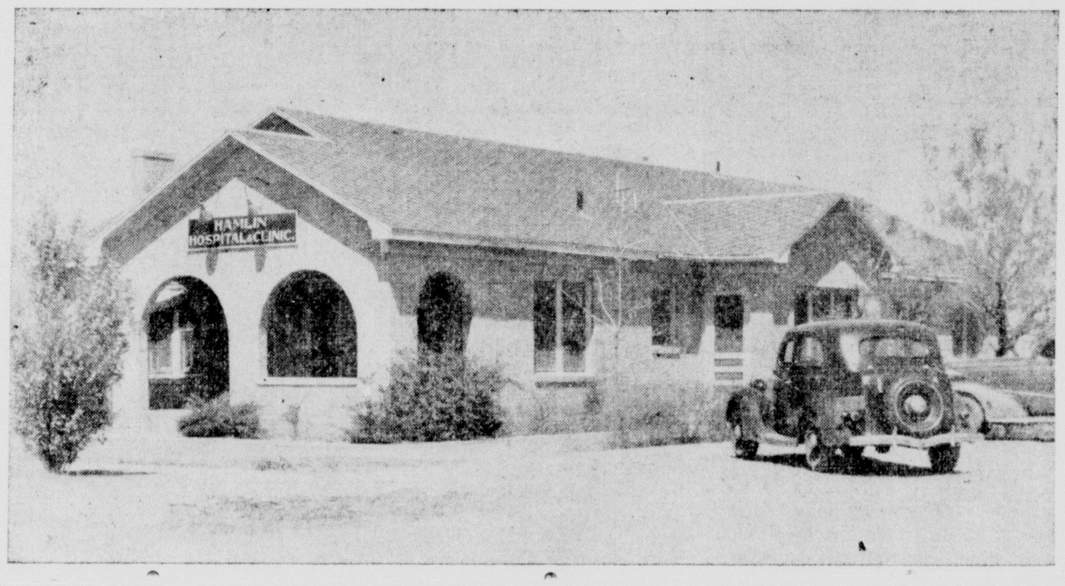
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Hamlin's Public Schools Are the Pride of Hamlin People

The First Essential Requirement Of Pioneer Communities Is A Good Public School System

Pioneers Won Over Many Difficulties

It is quite appropriate to head the second section of this Special Edition with the most important enterprise of all, in any community . . . . . .

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

Hamlin was carved, literally out of a mesquite pasture and like magic it sprang into a city of unusual population. Good people came to the New Town from every section, almost in the United States. Most of them came from communities of years of establishment and perhaps had good systems of schools, and naturally the first thing they thought of "where will my children go to school."

The Herald is indebted to Prof. M. E. Witt, who is now a teacher of chemistry in the Lubbock public school system, for the early history of the Hamlin school system. Mr. Witt was Hamlin's first superintendent, but he very modestly says that in those days such a title was hardly necessary, for he was just one of the teachers, and only happened to be considered the leader. Well, that may be true, but the Herald will call him "Superintendent." Mr. Witt is not an old man by any means yet it was in 1906 that Mr. Witt came to Hamlin as a teacher, and ever since that period of his life he has enjoyed coming back to this community. Now that he has a son here, I. R. Witt, he naturally visits Hamlin often. So we list below the pioneer citizens who acted as Hamlin's first School board and also the names in the first faculty.

A. G. HUDSON WAS THE FATHER of HAMLIN'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

The first School Board members, according to Mr. Witt, were A. G. Hudson, President; Ira Weakley, Secretary; Tom Whiteley, George W. Gray and J. F. McWilliams.

Three of these pioneer citizens who shouldered the responsibilities of seeing that Hamlin had schools, have passed on. Ira Weakley and J. F. McWilliams still live. Here we shall pay tribute to the memory of these men. A. D. Hudson never lost interest in Hamlin's schools. It was he who took upon himself the first responsibility of financing the schools. It was a new district, bonds and appropiations had not been arranged for, and Mr. Hudson pledged his own property for the first schools. He made many trips to Austin to get things going. He underwrote the first building.

Tom Whiteley was an attorney and lived here many years before moving to Waco. He was a fine type of man, and his services to Hamlin schools will ever be remembered with appreciation by all old-time citizens.

George W. Gray operated a lumber business in Hamlin for many years, and passed away after moving to Sweetwater. He too served not only in school board capacity, but as mayor and councilman.

J. F. McWilliams was a real estate man and his son was the first known white child born in what is now Hamlin. Mr. and Mrs. McMcWilliams needed to take great interest in the schools for their first child was a son, who to-day is about 34 years of age, and goes by the name of Hamlin McWilliams. Mr. McWilliams has related to the present owner of the Herald many things about his early days in Hamlin. He said he helped grub the mesquite from Central Avenue. Time and space will not permit a fuller history of these honored early pioneers in Hamlin.

HAMLIN'S FIRST SCHOOL FACULTY

Before going into what Hamlin has in this good year of 1939, we wish to record for all time in the Herald, the names of the first faculty.

M. E. Witt, Superintendent; C. W. Foot, teacher (later Supt.); Silas Moon, Miss Lulan Vaughan, Miss Hays and Miss Nobia Lotta.

FIRST SCHOOL BUILDING

Hamlin's first school house was a wooden structure, built by private financing and a bond issue of $5,000 was not voted till in 1909, at a rate of 5 per cent and was retired in 1929. But at the same time the district also voted $20,000 more with which to erect, a then modern brick structure. But that was not enough money to equip it with seats, and again in 1911 they voted an additional $4,500 making a total to that date of $29,500 which represents the central section of the Grammar school building shown on this page.

Before going further, we desire to say more about the old wooden structure. It became Hamlin's leading hotel after a brick school was constructed. It was known as "The Hamlin Inn." It stood where the Gibson Lumber Yard now stands. It was in this house Ye Editor first slept on coming to see about buying the Herald, in March 1914.

Hamlin people were very proud of their first brick school. It was the center of all activity from 1911 to 1928. It was modern then, but like the frame structure, it soon became too small and out of date to accomodate a growing town like Hamlin. Of that first $29,500 bonds issued all has been paid except $6,000.

In 1922 the school board, of which at that time the Herald man was a member, figured out a way to enlarge the school building by adding two wings on the ends of the building, giving many more rooms for various new uses. Plans were secured and again additional bonds were voted to the amount of $25,000. When the new wings were built, Hamlin WAS proud of her school. You see it pictured today, as the Grammar School building. It IS a beautiful building and has been modernized as far as architecturally possible. It had room but not enough to meet the demands of what Hamlin needed However in 1922 it was thought to be ample for twenty years to come. This building occupies a plot of ground set aside by the Orient Townsite Co., for public purposes. The campus was enlarged in later years.



Handsome Grammar School Building

In reviewing the years of 1914 to 1922, especially, we think of how hard it was to keep schools going. The World War was on and then came the three years of drougth and war besides. School affiliation then was under a different plan compared to 1939. Schools were ranked by the ability of raising money to carry on a term. If finances would make it reach NINE months and otherwise it was rated a school of First Class. It took school taxes to make the grade and sometimes taxes could not be paid.

SUPERINTENDENT GREEN HAS SERVED HAMLIN 14 YEARS

To write a history of Hamlin's schools must include the faithful services of our present Superintendent, C. G. Green. Truly it may be said that Supt. C. G. Green has built for Hamlin its real school system. Fourteen years of service in schools in any community is a remarkable compliment, not only to the man or woman but to the community who has that kind of spirit of permitting a teacher to live in one place long enough to count his progress. And progress has ever been the watchword for Supt. Green.

We note from the files of the Herald that Mr. Green's first announcement to Hamlin public was made on Friday, Sept. 5, 1924. It was a short announcement, clear and to the point. He invited everybody in Hamlin and all surrounding communities who were interested in schools to meet him in the opening of school on Monday, Sept. 10. It was then that Hamlin people began to learn what Mr. Green's calm, systematic methods could do. From the very start, Mr. Green proved that one of the best methods of building up a school and keeping things runing quietly and satisfactorily, was to do things and not talk about them. Yet, if talk was needed he lead the people to talk on the right lines in the proper tone . . . . progress. Mr. Green was fortunate in having competent board members in the main to help him plan and execute development. He never came to a meeting unprepared. He always had the exact figures and estimates; he had a way of seeing ahead and demanding and expecting things of Hamlin people, that they could afford.

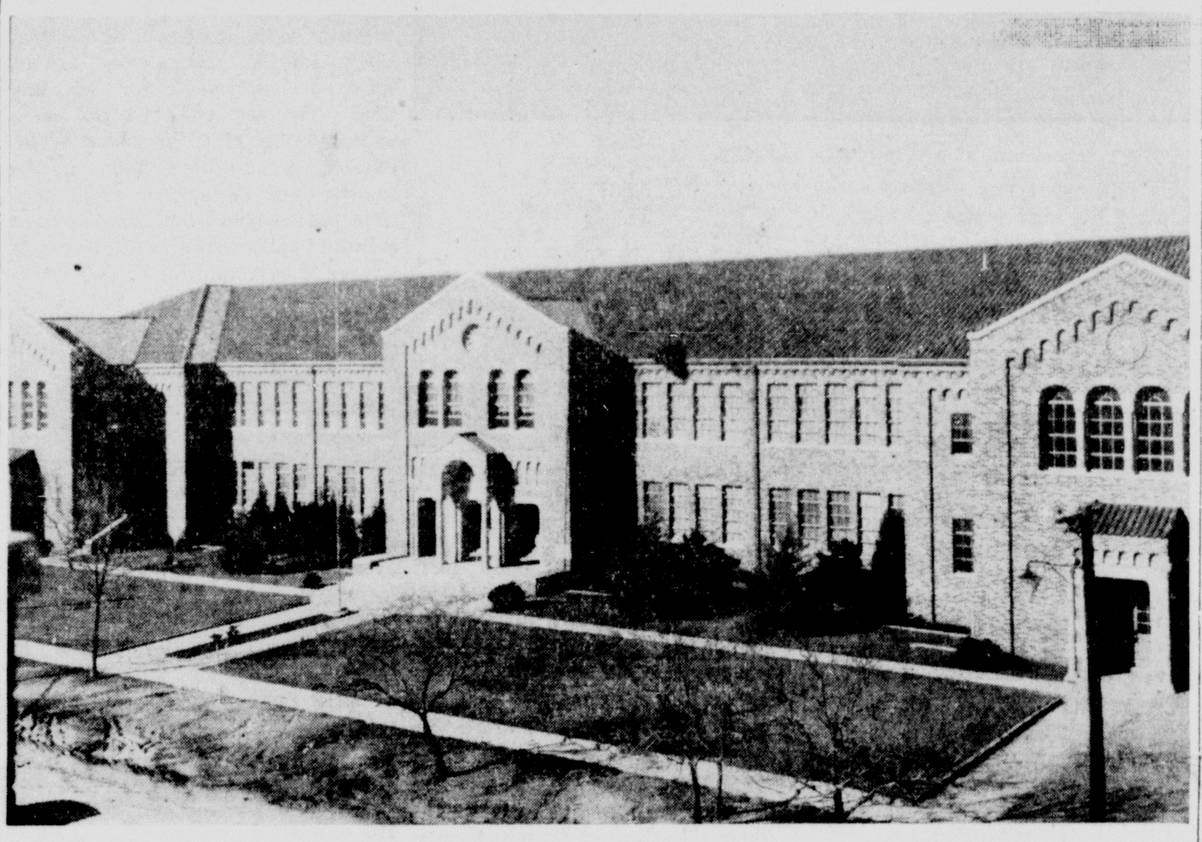
Many young men and young women of Hamlin who have made a success of life can count back to the days of Mr. Green's influence with them. He has proven such a friend to education in Hamlin that the Herald cannot express enough in words the appreciation that Hamlin people have for the superintendent who has given a good part of his school life to this community.

Mr. Green has not only played a wonderful part as a school man in Hamlin but in every phase of community life he has been found on the right side and striving for better things. Going back a few years, in Mr. Green's life, we learn that he is a native of Texas, born at Honey Grove in Fannin County, where two state superintendents originated. He was married to Miss Maud Bush in Wolfe City Texas. and she has been his helpful companion through all the years of his profession.

Mr. Green, prior to coming to Hamlin in 1924, was for many years Superintendent at Rockdale, Texas, which too developed a creditable system of schools. Being a school man is a great service in a community, but being a man of wider vision made Mr. Green a very valuable citizen. He is a christian genteman, a member of the Methodist Church, a Bible student. He has served his church in many capacities: On the Board of Stewards, as Sunday School Supt. and Teacher of men's Bible Class. Mr. Green is a charter member of the Hamlin Rotary Club, a past president of that club and a Master Mason, member of the Hamlin Lodge.

Mr. Green has an attractive modern home on Union Avenue, and in many ways shows keen interest in all civic matters in the community.

Hamlin's Public School Buildings and Grounds Are Valued At $235,000



The $150,000 Modern High School Building

HAMLIN'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Prior to 1929, the year our high school building was erected, our superintendent gained ideas of the most modern schoold buildings in the state by visiting the new buildings in San Antonio, Dallas and Fort Worth. From these ideas evolved specifications for a building that is pronounced by inspectors from the State Department of Education, to be one of the best high school buildings in the state. Our high school students value it so highly that they have cared for it so well as to make it appear, after ten years' use, as practically new. Hamlin is proud of its high school building and the purpose for which it serves.

HAMLIN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER'S ABLE MEN

Hamlin has been most fortunate in having good business men an its Board of Education. They have given much of their time from their own business interests to aid in the execution of their duties for the betterment of the Hamlin Schools.

Thirty-eight citizens of Hamlin have served officially on Hamlin's Board of Education during the past fifteen years. The average time of service has been three years. The shortest time of service is one year and Mr. T. E. Shelburne has the longest time of service—eight years. In 1924-25 the Board members consisted of W. A. Albritton, President; J. V. Milsap, Secretary; Dr. J. F. Taylor, H. E. Wall, Mrs. E. M. Wilson, B. Mosely, W. T. Patterson.

HAMLIN SCHOOL FACULTY

Hamlin has been very fortunate indeed in that the faculty has been very efficient and unusually cooperative. The Hamlin faculty has always worked in perfect accord with the administrative policies of the school.

Fifteen teachers constituted the faculty in 1924-25. They were: Mrs. P. E. Mayhew, Mrs. J. C. Owen, Miss Eula Crow, Miss Katherine Packwood, Miss Bengta Akerson, Mrs. Arnold Griffin, Mrs. Tom But-

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L. B. Pribble Not So Old But the Oldest Mail Carrier

If a rural mail carrier has a route that averages 60 miles, during a period of 21, years and the carrier makes his rounds six days of every week . . .how many miles will he travel in those tweenty-one years? You figure that out, we do not have the time.

Here is another: If L. B. Pribble carries an average of 15,000 pounds of mail on his Rt. 1, then how many pounds, tons of mail has he handled each week, each year and how many for the TWENTY-ONE years he has been traveling out of Hamlin? Figure it out, figure it out. Wonder how many gallons of gas "BURK" has used, how much oil, how many tires and cars.

People have been calling L. B. Pribble, "Bert", it is NOT that but "BURK."

You are wondering where this guy, Pribble originated. Well, after getting him started off on a Golf yarn, we slowly found out all about him.

L. B. Pribble was born at or near Celeste, Texas October 12, 1885, Figure some more. He came with his parents to West Texas and lived for a long time 15 miles south of Merkel, and went to school at Cross Roads. Burk says he never had any schooling except that.

After his school days he next took an important step . . . was married to Miss Cora Russell, near McCaulley on June 11, 1905, about the time Hamlin was starting. Today this couple have two fine young sons, Iris Pribble, a graduate of the Hamlin High School and also a graduate of Texas Tech; Foy Pribble who finished his high school in Lubbock and then graduated from Texas Tech. Both majored in Horticulture and are now operating a successful floral business in Hobbs, New Mexico.

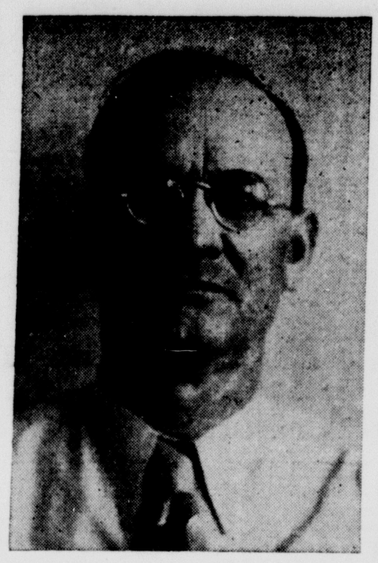
When Burk Pribble came to Hamlin he first engaged in carpentering, then he farmed and went away from this community and later came back, as so many others do, and on September 23, 1918 he started carrying mail on Rt. 1 Hamlin, making his mileage every doy, now his route covers 64 mfles.

Along with this story of Pribble we present you the home and his wife's hobby, and maybe Burk's too. They have a nice comfortable place on Jackson avenue and North 2nd Street. Note that Mr. Pribble's wife has her husband out ready to make him work at the flowers and shrubbery. That's why she has such a nice flower graden . . . just to keep Pribble out of mischief after the mail delivery.



Mr. Pribble is a member of the Church of Christ, a member of the Lakeview Golf Club. Mrs. Pribble thought her husband's hobby was flowers, but the past few years she has decided it is GOLF, first with fishing a close second. He is beginning to tire of flowers (the work part) and slips off to the floral display rooms and lets the time tick off while he looks at the pictures or sleeps in the air-conditioned rooms of the Floral Shop. Burk is really a good fellow when he is asleep.

HAMLIN'S SECRETARY



W. E. BENSON, C. of C. Secretary

Every community should have a "Secretary" and here in Hamlin, we see the one man who is playing the part of "secretary" as no other one ever did in our history, W. E. Benson has been so busy the past few weeks that we had to threaten him with a big dinner to get him to stop long enough to tell us a few things we did not already know.

When two men have been rubbing elbows for 25 years, they should know all about each other by this time. You see, when Ye Ed. came to Hamlin in 1914, we found Wylie Benson, a drygoods man in the famous Cecil Store. Not many days have passed since, but that we have seen and talked with each other. If anyone should want to know, Benson is a Baptist and Ye Ed. being one too, we have been meeting at the "meeting house" almost every Sunday and other days besides on the business streets. But who knows, who?

Mr. Benson is a Mississippian, born at Hollanddale, November 3, 1880. He was just three years of age when his parents landed him over in Erath County, Texas. There he was reared on a farm of 161 acres, which to this day is still in the Benson family. He moved to Haskell County in 1905 and worked on a farm 4 years. Then two years in the Cecil Dry Goods store at O'Brien, and in 1912 he came to Hamlin as bookkeeper-mgr. for the Hamlin Cecil & Co. big store. He continued this position through all the trying years till the store sold out or moved in 1928.

He joined the W. J. Brians Insurance Agency as a solicitor in 1929 and still retains that position, with increased duties and responsibilities for Mrs. Brians. He was instrumental in the organization of the Hamlin Retail Merchants Association and was chosen as their Secretary-Manager, serving in that capacity at the present time. In 1932 he was elected as the Secretary of the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce and is still their secretary. He has served as Secretary of the Hamlin Masonic Lodge since the death of the honored A. D. McLaughlin. He is a member of the Baptist Church, a Deacon, a Sunday School Teacher, formerly Sunday School Supt. He is at present Church Treasurer and for years served as church clerk.

Figure out how many times this man has attended some church service or meeting, say he has been going in Hamlin for 27 years and has averaged about four services each week. Now estimate the extra meetings he has attended in those years and you will get some idea of that man, Benson.



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Route 2 Carrier Is the Youngest In the Service

If you want to see a real product of Jones County, and this northwest section, you can do no better than take a peep at the popular rural carrier on Route 2 out of Hamlin. . . . . Ross V. Fomby, the youngest in point of service and also in age, of the FOUR men who go out daily with mail for Hamlin territory farmers.

Ross is also the quietest of them all . . . . he talks with his pleasant face and there is always an attractive twinkle in his honest, frank eyes.

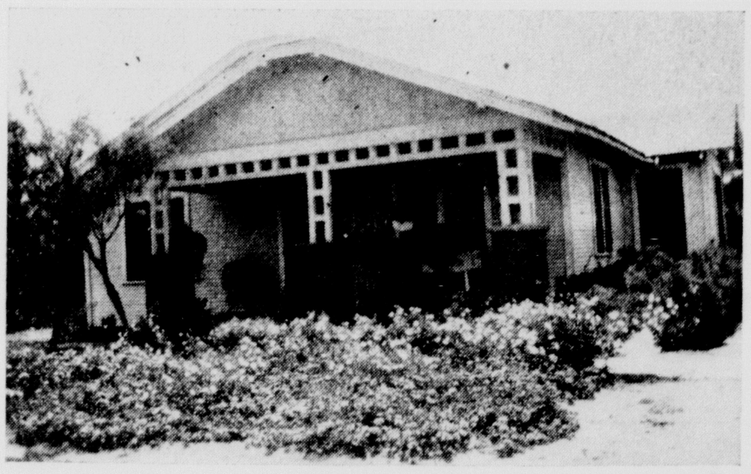
The Herald man slipped up on Ross V. the other day and before he knew what we were after he revealed a lot about his life. Why you know Ross Fomby was born right here in sight of Hamlin, could hear the roosters crow over here when the town began. Ross says h e is a"country boy" and is proud of it.

Ross V. Fomby discovered Jones County on July 24, 1899, out near what is now the Abbie Church. Another thing, from what we can find out Ross never had but one sweetheart in all his life, but we will hear a lot more of that later on in this sketch. Ross attended school at the Old Abbie school building, that formerly stood across the road, just west of where the church is today. Ross says that was his primary grade school, his grammar school place and his high school experience, and even his college course was out there. We shall say it looks as if he had some good teachers, or maybe it was the influence of his lovable parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fomby. Anyway away down in Ross Fomby's heart are some mighty fine traits, and one of them is a devotion and loyalty to his country. Lets prove it.

Back in the "War Days" in 1917, only a few days after the United States declared war on Germany, Ross and some of his schoolmates, "boiled over" with a determination to "get to 'em." Two days before his school was out he slipped off with three other fellows and volunteered his services to the United States Regular Army. He and Bob Low, Jerry McClaran and Paul Friend had the same desire, and they landed in El Paso, Texas, June 2, 1917. They wanted in and did not care what service. Ross and Jerry were placed in the 15th Cavalry Medical Division, Ambulance Co., No. 10; Bob was placed in the Field Hospital No. 12 and Paul Friend into the Signal Corp. But Ross and Jerry did not get to go across, and o n January 31, 1919, Uncle Sam let Ross out and a happy boy started on his way home.



ROSS V. FOMBY



The "Spare" Residence of MR. and MRS. FOMBY

Ross went to Wichita Falls and worked for a grain company after his 'fighting spirit" cooled off.

There comes a time in the life of nearly every young man when he begins to feel mighty lonely, and the correct direction to cure that kind of fever was toward the old Abbie community, so in 1923, on Dec. 22, his first and only sweetheart, Miss Ione Riddle became Mrs. Ross V. Fomby. The Herald learns this much about Ross; he was so determined to get away and into the Army that May day, that he did not stop to tell his best girl good-bye, and therefore, from reliable nformation it is a fact that a lot of tears were shed. But all's well that ends well. Mr. and Mrs. Fomby are today an ideal married couple, occupying a nice home of their own on Tenth Street and also possess another pretty residence shown on this page.

From this place of flowery beauty, on Houston Avenue, one may fully understand that Ross Fomby believes first i n comfort and security.

Soon after getting married Mr. and Mrs. Fomby moved into Hamlin and they have been making headway financially and in a property way ever since. Ross worked for the Orient railroad as a yard clerk till 1929, and then in 1929, became a substitute postoffice clerk, and for seven years held his job.

It was November 18, 1935 that Ross V. Fomby was given the job of carrying the mail for the people of Route TWO out of Hamlin. He has been traveling his 53 miles every day, except vacation time and maybe when ill, ever since.

Mr. Fomby is a member of the American Legion Keifer Patterson Post. He is not much of a "joiner" however, and has a real hobby called work. But when a man's wife tells on him, one may decide that there IS a hobby, and Mrs. Fomby says that when Ross gets into a daily paper there is no pulling him out, hardly for eating. That is a hobby, we say.

"MY SKIN WAS FULL OF PIMPLES AND BLEMISHES FROM CONSTIPATION

says Verna Schlepp: "Since using Adlerika the pimples are gone. My skin is smooth and glows with health." Adlerika washes BOTH bowels, and relieves constipation that so often aggravates a bad complexion.

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E. G. KainerJr, the Gulf Consignee Pushing Gulf Products In Hamlin

On Feb. 3, 1939, E. G. Kainer of Sagerton took the Gulf Agency in Hamlin. He is just a "baby in business" in Hamlin compared to our pioneers, but he is a real "He pusher" for his products, which proves that he is going to last a long time, and we believe Hamlin will see this young man going up with the Gulf Company on a greater scale in the future.

Kainer is 24 years of age and a native of the Sagerton community, he lived on the same farm where he was born till coming to Hamlin. Kainer is young but yet he is old enough to be a married man, but he is still single. He seems too busy for the time being in Hamlin to let "little things" like that bother him. He is not asleep on that line, by any means, and who can tell what might happen to a handsome young, aggressive business man like Kainer, here in a good community in west Texas, like Hamlin.

Another Pioneer Scene



In the Hamlin Herald, dated Oct. 5, 1906, we find this ad. "BLUE FRONT Livery and Feed Stable," 'An all new business, just started in Hamlin, and are located on east side of town, near the Orient railroad. Will be glad to have you call on us when you want a good rig or want transportation anywhere."

—HARCROW & DAVIS, Props.

There is no use in "labeling" this good old-day picture. Look carefully, see what you see. Look again.

It is almost like digging into an ancient tomb to take a peep at this. Only we can see and talk with two of these persons on the front stage of action at the old Blue Front. That sounds like a saloon, but "nary a saloon ever, in Hamlin."

Go over and talk with grandpa J. W. McGough, watch him remove his pipe and puff out the smoke and twinkle his honest old eyes and tell you of olden days in west Texas, in Eastland County, in Stonewall County, In Jones County, in Hamlin His son James can do a little telling too.

Mr. McGough bought this business from Harcrow & Davis for $3,000. It stood east of the Gray Lumber yards, and was built as early as the latter part of 1905. In the picture we see James McGough, a farmer now living north of Hamlin, the horse, "Boss," Jim Malone, a blacksmith, our pioneer neighbors, J. W. McGough, then "Bill and Shorty," A. F. McGough, a son, and the horse, 'Dunny," and a sprucy traveling man, just in with an "outfit."

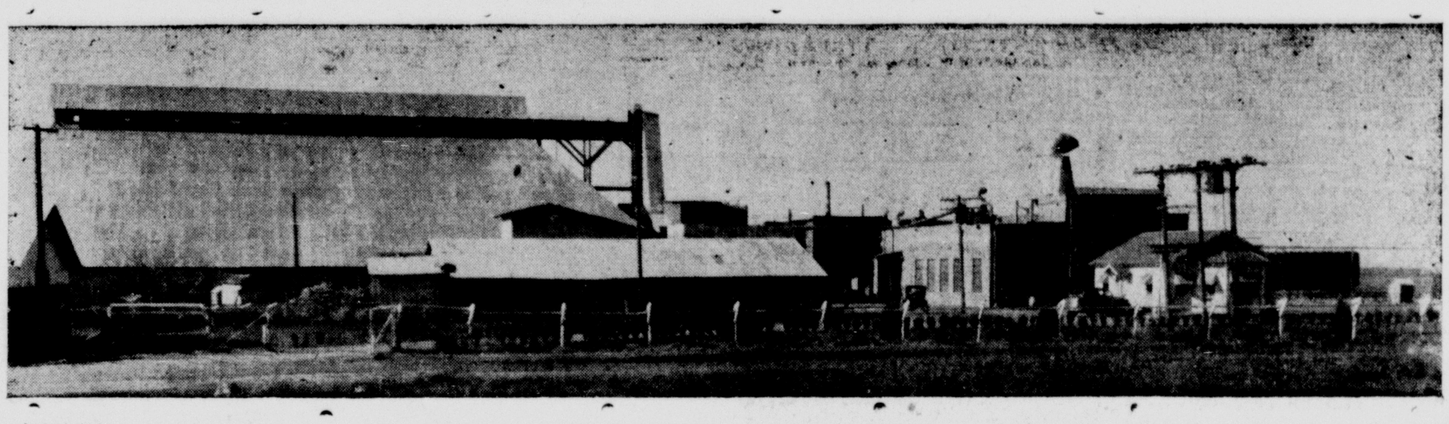
Mr. McGough was the first man Ye Editor ever met in Hamlin. He was down at the Orient Depot, and when we stepped off the train, he called out "transfer," and away we started in his famous yellow bus, drawn by his faithful horses. We have learned a lot about this pioneer, and so far, not a single thing but that is good.

J. W. McGough was born in or near Hog Town, in Eastand County, August 20, 1861 See that makes him a pioneer. He was 41 years of age before he left that county. He was married to Miss Caroline Inez Westbrook, July 20, 1888. Their children are Mrs. Pearl Reese, of Pledger, Texas; A. F. McGough of Peacock; James M. of Hamlin; Mrs. Lillie Rash of Aspermont; Mrs Lavell Rash of Peacock.

Mr. and Mrs. McGough spent many years in Stonewall County and came to Hamlin in 1906. Their home is now on 5th Street (Rotan Highway) and Alamo Avenue. Thanks, Mr. and Mrs. McGough for your pictures and information.

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J. E. Moody
MANAGER

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HAMLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ler, Miss Ruth Schubel, C. R. Randel, Miss Gladys Joseph, Miss Mamie Beck, Miss Velma Montgomery, Miss Alberta Howell, W. B. Hinton, Mrs. Fred Carpenter.

119 different teachers have taught in the Hamlin white schools during the past fifteen years. The average time of service for these is two years. The least time is one month and the longest time is fifteen years. The main cause for so short an average time of service has been less class-room salaries paid than elsewhere.

It is noteworthy to state that five of our present teachers have had long tenure in Hamlin, viz.: Mrs. P. E. Mayhew, Mrs. J. C. Owen Miss Mae James, Mrs. Mart Farrow, Miss Georgia Moore.

The Hamlin colored schools has always had a six months school term with only one teacher. The attendance, however, has so increased as to make it very advisable to have two teachers. There is also an urgent need for a nine months term for the pupils of the Hamlin colored school.

Twelve different janitors have been employed during the past fifteen years for the Hamlin schools. The longest tenure is by Travis Conner—five years.

HARMONY and COOPERATION

Realizing the importance of securing and maintaining harmony and cooperation among patrons, teachers and pupils our superintendent has had the accomplishment of these aims uppermost in his mind. Upon assuming his duties fifteen years ago, he encountered an unpleasant situation that had been a disturbing factor in the school. Soon the discordant elements were united and harmony has prevailed since then.

Somehow, the people believe that our superintendent has the best interest of his pupils at heart, and, as a consequence of this, all the organizations of the town take pride in putting over the program of the school.

SCHOOL AFFILIATION INCREASED and CURRICULA MODERNIZED

The affiliation in the Hamlin school has been increased from 19 to 30 units of affiliation during Mr. Green's superintendency.

Our curricula should better prepare pupils for proper living after leaving school, and in conformity with this policy, so far as finnaces would justify, practical couress have been introduced.

Our vocational agriculture department has contributed so much for the benefit of our local future farming industry. Under its able management the department has acquired much popularity.

Our home economic department is so well equipped and executed as to win unusual praise from the home economics girls and the State Department of Education.

Our commercial courses are becoming so popular as to necessitate the organization of a complete commercial department.

The Hamlin high school band, under the able leadership of Mr. G. C. Collum, is pronounced to be one of the best bands in the state, considering the fact it is only a few months old.

Public school music is taught throughout the Hamlin schools.

Through the organization of classes in the subject of "Safety" mnay pupils are taught practical ideas of safety.

We have three very efficient special departments in piano, art and expression.

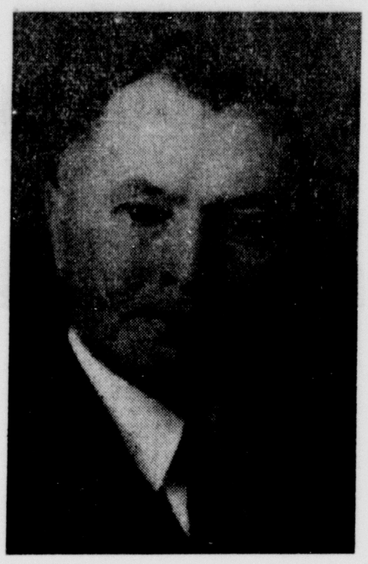
HAMLIN SCHOOL POPULARIZED IN ITS MERCANTILE TERRITORY

The success in executing this policy is evidenced by the fact that our high school enrollment has increased during the past fifteen years from 132 to 335 at the present time. Our neighbor rural schools have eliminated their high school grades and are patronizing the Hamlin high school department. It requires the services of four school buses to accommodate this demand. Five buses will be needed next session. Hamlin is glad to offer its educational facilities to its neighbor schools.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES KEPT WITHIN INCOMES

Living within an income can be done in private life. It can be done in the commercial world. It can be done in financing a school. It is extremely difficult to do, however, but it CAN BE DONE.

The execution of this policy without any increase in revenue was the big problem fifteen years ago in financing the Hamlin schools. This still is a big problem. By hard and persevering diligence in securing all money possible and in economizing every where possible, Hamlin financed in 1924-25 a full nine-months free term with balance in all school funds clear of all indebtedness at the end of the year. This had not been done previously.



SUPERINTENDENT C. G. GREEN
1924 — 1939

Many times during the depression period it seemed impossible even to see any ray of hope in financing the Hamlin schools. One time, at the end of the 1931-32 session, Hamlin schools had an indebtedness of $10,778.20, without a penny available to be applied on this indebtedness. However, mainly by reducing our expenditures, within three years, there were no outstanding warrants unpaid.

To eliminate this indebtedness, heavy reductions in expenditures had to b e made. For one illustration, the expenditures for 1933-34 were $14,478.76 less than they were in 1929-30. In this reduction the Hamlin school faculty, as usually is the case, suffers the greatest sacrifice in reduction of salaries to the amount of $7,742.98.

Another big saving of $13,506.34 for the Hamlin Independent School District was made upon the recommendation of our superintendent to call in school bonds and school bond interest coupons before maturity.

It is with a great feeling of elation that we are able to report that for the past few years, instead of having an indebtedness in our school funds, we have been reporting balances. At the close of 1936-37 we had a total balance, with all local accounts paid and no note at the bank, of $4,786.82. Last year ending September 1938, we had a balance of $3,413.20. At the end of this year it is certain that we will have a substantial balance.

One main contributing factor in lessening expenses has been placing the responsibility of collecting school taxes upon the school superintendent. This, however, materially impairs the efficiency of the administration of school affairs, as well as heaping undue criticisms upon the superintendent. However, the clearance of all accounts thereby might be some consolation for this thankless job.

HAMLIN SCHOOL BUSES

Good school buses and good roads are absolutely essential means for equalizing educational opportunities between children of rural and independent school districts. Hamlin has both of these advantages.

Prior to buying school buses, the Hamlin School Board requested its school superintendent to make a detailed report, after one year's study of the situation, as to the advisebility of operating school buses for the Hamlin schools. As a result of this previous study, the Board bought three buses during the summer of 1935. The following are the three major benefits we have derived from the use of buses, viz.:

1st. Advantages of an affiliated high school have been accorded children living in rural districts adjacent to the Hamlin Independent School District.

2nd. Hamlin has profited commercially by favoring its farmers with school bus transportation.

3rd. School b u s operations have proven to be profitable financially. During the first three years Hamlin received from all sources, according to a detailed report kept by the superintendent, a total of $20,619.57. The total expenses for the three buses for the three years amounted to $12,198.96. This made a difference of $8,420.61. Allowing $7,695.00 of this for the payment of the three extra teachers required for the increased enrollment, it left a NET BALANCE for the THREE YEARS OF $725.61.

One very important feature of our school bus proposition is the fact that the school buses have not cost the tax payers of Hamlin even one penny. The sources of revenue for school buses are: (1) State high school tuition, (2) state transportation fees, (3) state apportionment for pupils, and (4) receipts for special school bus trips.

School bus transportation for Hamlin has become so popular as to necessitate the use of five buses to meet the demand next session.

The operating cost of our school buses has been very materially reduced by the ownership of a school bus garage (constructed in 1939) and the employment of a school bus mechanic.

The average cost per mile per bus for the first three years, including the annual payments on the cost of the buses, the cost of operation, repairs, etc. was 10.7c. This expense per mile for the present session will be much less due to the fact that the Superintendent and the School Board have learned how to decrease the expenses.

SCHOOL GRADUATES MAKE A LONG LIST

According to an official list of graduates in the Hamlin High School, with the 1924-25 term to the close of the present term, this week, there has been 303 boys and 382 girls, who were in the senior classes.

The classes grew from 21 in 1925 to 70 seniors, this year, which is higher than any other class, except that of 1938, when there were 74 seniors.

LONG WAYS, SINCE 1914

The Herald carried a school opening announcement on Sept. 18, 1914 It read:

"The pay term of Hamlin Public School opened Monday morning with a fair attendance. All grades up to and including the seventh, are now being taught. Five teachers are doing the teaching.

Many pupils are answering the roll call of the cotton field and have not yet entered school. The free school term will begin Oct. 12."

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STATEMENT 1914:

RESOURCES:

Loans	$ 68,308.81
Banking House and other real estate	14,050.00
Cash	23,807.83
Total	$106,166.64

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	$ 25,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,844.43
DEPOSITS	59,322.21
Bills Payable	20,000.00
Total	$106,166.64

STATEMENT 1939:

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE F. & M. NAT'L. BANK AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 15th 1939

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$230,321.01
Building, Furniture and Fixtures		11,000.00
Other Real Estate		9,002.00
Stocks and Bonds		14,875.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock		1,800.00
QUICK ASSETS:		
U. S. GOV'T. BONDS	$33,325.00	
U. S. GOV'T. COTTON	263,470.02	
C. C. C. LOANS		
BILLS of EXCHANGE COTTON	160.13	
CASH ON HAND and DUE FROM BANKS	$189,346.50	
TOTAL	$486,301.65	486,301.65
TOTAL		$753,299.66

LIABILITIES

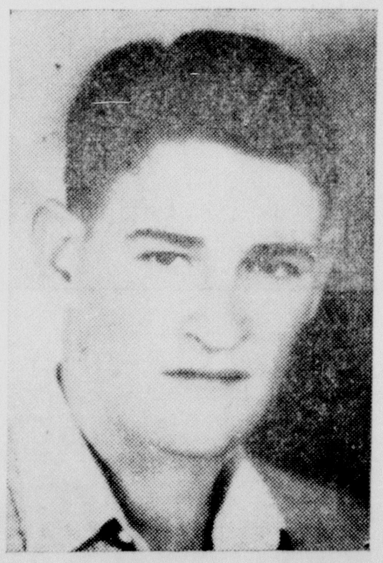
CAPITAL STOCK	40,000.00
Surplue and Undivided Profits	34,711.51
DEPOSITS	678,588.15
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
TOTAL	$753,299.66



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Hamlin Compress Ranks Among the Best in W. Texas

If you were trying to pick out the neatest cotton concentration point in Jones County, or anywhere, you need not go any farther than right out in East Hamin and take a peep at the Hamlin plant of the Western Compress & Storage Company premises.

In the representation of their plant and big cotton sheds in this issue, it was imposible to include in the picture any of their numerous, enormous cotton warehouses, or even all of the cotton sheds. But they are there for anybody's inspection and you will find every nook and corner a model of cleanliness, and order. Even recently the laborers houses have been re-located, and their grounds cleared of rubbish and the whole atmosphere is now one of satisfaction and contentment.

Now along with such a well kept cotton compress plant, there is always a propelling power behind what is done. This leads us to a personal mention of the congenial and gracious friend, all Hamlin people have found in Mr. R. H. McCurdy the Superintendent, who has been with this compress and storage company for 19 years.

Mack does not like to claim so much credit, he does not look it, but really he is a little timid, except when out on a trip or on a fishing boat or sitting waiting for a bite. The fact is that "Mack" as everybody calls him, has a smile and a twinkle in his face that makes a fellow want to do something that will make things look as happy as the "boss." So that may be the why for the office force and the laborors incentive to keep things about the compress so neatly dolled up.

Some how or other, there is something about an old "Tennessee fellow" that attracts Ye Editor, maybe that is because we, too were born in the hills of that old state, and we have a kind of kin-like feeling . . . maybe too it is because both of us back there ate polk salad and lived on squirrels, and sometimes O'possum. Anyway, here we are telling you readers that . . . . .

Roy H. McCurdy is a native of Tennessee, born in Verona County, March 5, 1885, he admits it. His father was Dr. R. C. McCurdy and when Roy, (call him Mack) was just 9 years of age, his parents moved to Texas, like thousands of other Tennesseeans, and settled at Spring Hill in Navarro County. Later they moved to Dresden, Texas where the present day Superintendent of the Hamlin Compress grew up.

One of Mr. McCurdy's favorite places of attending school was at the old Methodist University Training School at Blooming Grove. He stored up a lot of fond memories of the old school and they are fresh this day. Roy has liked "Groves" always since.

After his school days, we fancy we can see McCurdy going about Honey Grove, Texas where he was employed by the S. W. Bell Telephone Company. He would not tell the Herald just how or where it happened, but evidently he was called into a beautiful residence to "fix" a line or replace batteries, or 'something" and maybe, (we guess) a certain winsome young lady must have passed through the hall or room and maybe her curosity was such that she wanted to see what the young fellow was doing to the phone, anyway, this much we DO know her name was Miss Ruth Ware, a woman in this day of 1939 who retains all the charm that the old South has ever seen in any woman . . .her name is Mrs. Roy H. McCurdy. You see, we do not know just how R. H. looked that day when he first saw Miss Ruth, but if the smile he wears today was developed on that happy day, he certainly got a good case of what it takes, and it won't wear off. He and Miss Ruth Ware were married on December 19, 1907. To this interesting couple, there is one son, R. W. (Chunk) McCurdy a chip off the old block, plus many of the charms of his mother, and when the son and his wife and father McCurdy and Mrs. McCurdy throw a party there can be no better hosts and hostesses in Texas than the McCurdys.



ROY H. McCURDY,
Manager Western Compress & Storage Co.

R. H. is a cotton man of wide experience. He started with compresses in 1909 in Honey Grove as a bookkeeper for four years, and now he counts up 30 years around compresses. He was three years a bookkeeper for a compress at Holdenville, Okla. Then manager four years at Hugo, Okla. From Oklahoma, he came to Snyder, Texas and took a position with the present Western Compress & Storage Co., for two years as manager. He went to Slaton with the Company as Superintendent, and remained there four years and then back to Snyder compress again for 5 years.

Since 1931, Hamlin has been the home of the McCurdys. Mr. McCurdy came as the Superintendent of the Compress, then, and it seems that he will stay here a long time, unless somebody else at some other compress of the company gets in a jam and a good man is needed to pull 'em out of a hole

We learn that R. H. McCurdy is a Presbyterian by faith, and would be a working member if his denomination had an organization in Hamlin. He was a charter member of the Rotary Club at Slaton, and was a member of the Hamlin Club for a long time. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Shriner.

Mr. McCurdy is past president of the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce and at present a director. We said something about "fishing," that's Mack's real hobby. He and his son have a fisherman's haunt" on Moore Lake, nad it is there that these two families often entertain their guests.

Long live the McCurdys and prosperity to the compress

The Familiar Face of Hamlin's Pioneer Jeweler, S. D. McMahon

One of the far-seeing men of Belton, Texas in the days before 1900 was a young fellow by the name of Samuel Doak McMahon. In the year 1939, this young fellow is familiarly called "Doke."

Doke McMahon has been a fixture in Hamlin since 1906, and that is when there was but little here. But Doke could see that if things worked out right this would be a dandy place in which to get a good start.

Cisco, Texas, where he was located before coming here, held no charms for him.

Coming to Hamlin in 1906, he first had his shop in a cafe, owned by a former Belton man, a Mr. Freeman. This place was located somewhere in the block below the George Howard Grocery store. S. D. has operated in many different places, and when the Herald man first saw him, he and the late W. H. Gilbert had a jewelry store and shop in a corner of what is now the Inzer store, then the Barrow Furniture Co., house.

S. D. McMahon is a man who loves to "reminesce" and therefore when he let it be known when and where he was born, he said the 'same year that the Indians were run out of the Double Mountain country. Now when was that? We do not know much about the history of the Indians or the Double Mountains, but finally we found out that Doak McMahon was born in Belton on October 7, 1875. Now remember about the Indians.

Mack, had about the same career in Belton as the other kiddoes, maybe he had a man by the name of James E. Ferguson to contend with, who knows? Anyway, before he was near grown, he was tinkering with watches, and finally entered a shop as an apprentice and served 5 years in the watchmaking trade. Then he got him a shop of his own, and then along about 1900 he spent 14 months in Cisco.



S. D. McMAHON,
Pioneer Jeweler

Before we get S. D. out of Belton, we will relate a good story we have heard Mr. McMahon tell many times in Hamlin. It goes this way: The young jeweler and a friend by the name of T. D. Sanders were down on the streets of Belton one fine spring morning very early. A farmer in misery with a badly swollen face from a tooth ache came along and inquired about a dentist. The boys told him the dentist would not come down till about eight or nine o'clock. But the man was suffering and told the boys he would give a dollar to get that tooth out. Sanders says, "here is a young fellow who has some pullers and can yank it out quick as greased lightning." (Doak had an instrument called case pliers in his pocket.) So he said, "why yes, I'll pull it." They took the famer around to the back and sat him down on a ladder and while Sanders held him on, Doak pulled the molar. The farmer paid him the dollar and hastened back to the farm.

Mr. McMahon married Miss Ruby Jarrell, in Roby a few years after coming to Hamlin and this city has been their home ever since. Mrs. McMahon has been a constant assistant in their jewelry business. They have traveled hand-in-hand these years, have a nice home on corner of Union Avenue and 8th Street; have a nice jewelry store, a well equipped repairing shop, and besides this, a good farm on the plains, in Briscoe County.

At one time S. D. was a member of the K of P Lodge, took some work in the Masonic education, and formerly was a member of the Hamlin Rotary Club. He says that his hobby is "tinkering" and if he can not get to tinker on a watch he had rather tinker with a hook and line out where the sun shines and the birds sing and coo.

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In the case of terraces, rainfall was stored in the soil to provide moisture for crops, at the same time contributing to flood control. But the series of dams were credited with creating a flood menace.. A lesson therein is seen that the most effective curb on devastating floods, and the most economical method for taxpayers is to begin where the rains fall.

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T. E. HARDEN

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Various local surveys concerning the economic effects of these laws have been made. And in every instance, the surveys have shown that they raise the cost of living, and reduce sales. The average family spends about all it receives in income—and when prices are forced up it must buy fewer or inferior articles.

So don't blame your merchant when you think prices are too high. Most of the time he, like the consumer, is a victim of price-boosting policies which are beyond his control.—Industrial News Review.

During the month of March, 1939, the United States shipped 28,136 bales of cotton to Germany; 31,500 bales to Italy; and 126,089 bales to Japan.

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Hamlin's Headquarters For Transportation In Early Days



In the picture reading the names of the animals and men from left to right, we see, first Frank, then S. E. Jones (note how prim he looks, evidently had just come in from a buggy ride), next is Dave, R. A. Crockett, the energetic proprietor, and Bay John and . . and back in the doorway, just in with a buggy is a traveling man, looks like a certain flour salesman (couldn't be O'Daniel) and now we see the pride of the town, the bus and team, Sam and Kelley, and in the bus Alford Churchill and Penn Blackwell.

The scene reproduced below will be a familiar one to the early Hamlinites. Hundreds of Hamlin community citizens will recall many things about the Livery and Feed Stable, in the early days then owned and operated by our present day citizens, R. A. Crockett and Harris Feagan.

In town establishment in the days of about 35 years ago (not many have been established since) one of the first essentials was some way of transporting the folks from the trains to the down-town section or to the residential part of town. People then had time to exchange ideas in conversation, while on the trains, in buses drawn by faithful old horses, or while they walked. In those days folks used real leather shoes too.

We can get an idea from the picture herewith, that plenty of pride existed with the folks who traveled by buggy, bus and horseback.

R. A. Crockett is one man in the Hamlin country who has never forgotten a single thing in all his life and we are not telling how old he is. (Yes, he did forget the name of one horse, shown in the picture. He remembers to the penny his various trades, and he has made many.

This famous old Stable stood somewhere southwest across the street from the Spencer Lumber Yard.

Mr. Crockett says that the beautiful Yellow Bus cost $825.00 in St. Louis, and the freight on it was $81.40. He bought out Harris Feagan's part and later traded his transfer line to J. W. McGough, who also had a livery barn. Mr. Crockett got the Blue Front business, teams, buggies etc.

Right here is where Ye Editor comes in. That is when we arrived in Hamlin in 1914, it was this horse-drawn bus that was standing at the Orient train ready to carry passengers to any point in town. The Editor and wife and little daughter, Marie got our first impression of Hamlin as we rattled up Central Avenue to our rented house on North Hope Avenue.

Mr. Crockett says that the stable was built by himself and Feagan, that is they had it built, and that his father, W. P. Crockett was the carpenter, and believe it or not, Uncle Jim Easterwood who is about town these days, was one of the laborers.

R. A. Crockett finally traded his Livery Stable including the barns, 8 buggies, 5 horses and the two lots to J. Ubben, now a citizen of Hamlin, residing on North Alamo Avenue, for 240 acres of land. And by-the-way, Mr. Crockett still owns the land and quite a lot more, even besides the nice country home west of Hamlin.

R. A. Crockett says he came to Roby 41 years ago, and most of that time since, he has lived in and out of Hamlin, or Fisher County, except one year when he had his address at Fern Hill Station, Tacoma, Washington. That was in 1914-15.

Speaking of Mr. Crockett not forgetting anything . . . why he even remembers every spelling lesson in the Old Blue Back Speller, back there in Red River County, when he competed with a a snappy lad by the name of Jack Garner (ever hear of Jack Garner?) Mr. Crockett says that he and Jack always stood at opposite ends of the class. Bob at the foot and Jack at the head. He says that Jack was a smart boy. That Jack would start at the foot every day and end up at the head.

Well, so much for this. Thanks a lot Mr. Crockett, for the picture and the information.

Miss Loleta Ubben Tells "Why Trade In Hamlin"

WHY TRADE IN HAMLIN?

Why trade in Hamlin? "Loyalty" even though a simple word, justifies the reason for anyone's trading in his home town. That my home town is the best and has the best should be the utmost thought of any good citizen. Hamlin is our home-town—where many of us grew up, received our education, and where we all earn our present living. Doesn't this make you really want to make Hamlin a trade center? Haven't you the "home town spirit" enough to want to see your town grow and prosper? Would you like to see the town in which you live eventually destroyed because you spend your money outside of the town where you earned it? Surely, you are interested in seeing your home town prosper and maintain a position among larger towns.

If favors, charity, and relief in any way are wanted, to whom do we go for help? We don't expect favors from neighboring towns, but we do think it is an obligation of Hamlin business men. Why shouldn't it be our duty to trade with them and in a small way return some of their favors?

Trading in one's home town has its emotional aspect and appeal, but it i s not all emotional. The fact that every penny you spend here will return eventually to you in improvement that will benefit you and the town, if not in actual dollars and cents proves it. The more money the merchants receive the more opportunities they have to make Hamlin a bigger and better town. Perhaps few of us have ever taken time to think of the various reasons a town grows. If we make the business men of Hamlin able, they are the ones that are willing to build and can build our town. Let us, as citizens of Hamlin, make them able by trading here!

When our neighboring towns proudly boast of their conveniences, their athletics, their band, and other



MISS LOLETA UBBEN

organizations which we do not have, we can only blame ourselves when we have given them our trade. We have failed to cooperate with our home town merchants, who are the ones that help us pay our taxes and support our town's activities. We cannot expect to receive more from our merchants than we give them; however, many times we do because we are a friend. If we are to have a town that will attract surrounding towns, we will have to cooperate with the business men of our town.

There is no sound and logical reason for products to be any higher at home than in some other place. In fact, the over-head is much higher in cities and larger towns which would mean the merchants would have to sell his merchandise at a higher price to stay in business. Why trade in other towns? After all, the real reason we trade outside of our home town is for the bargains, we might find. "Doesn't the grass always look a little greener and taller just over the hills;" but when there you find it is the same or maybe not as good. Perhaps if these so-called "bargains" were examined or compared with standard products, you could see that they were of an inferior quality. Isn't it a logical reason that our merchants with whom you come in contact daily would give you more for your money than would a business man who is a complete stranger to you.

Taking all these things into consideration, can you honestly say, "I have saved?" Will your money benefit you more by spending it here or somewhere else. Let's spend our dollars here and watch Hamlin become a dream town—a town that other places can envy—a place where you find paved streets, a large lake, lovely parks, well equipped schools, beautiful churches, prosperous business sections, happy homes and contented people!

PRICE FIXING

'IT COSTS TOO MUCH"

Hardly a day goes by without seeing something we want to purchase—but don't because "it cost too much."

It may be a suit of clothes or a household convenience. It may be something special for dinner. Whatever it is, the belief that "it costs too much" blocks the purchase. And we customarily blame the merchant.

The merchant may be at fault in some cases, but not in the majority. He sells as cheaply as he possibly can, knowing better than you do that high prices do more than anything else to build up sales resistance. Believe it or not, legislation, in many instances, is more directly responsible for high prices than the people who make, handle, and sell commodities.

A large number of states, for example, have passed so-called fair trade laws. These laws vary in detail, but all are about the same in principal. They effectively block honest competition by preventing merchants from selling certain articles below a specified minimum. As a result, they place a premium on waste and inefficiency. The high-cost dealer is allowed to be the arbiter of price and value. And the low cost store isn't allowed to cut the price, even though it wants to and could do so and still make a

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Hamlin's Business Section Favorably Impresses The Visitor

HAMLIN'S MAYOR



JOE L. CULBERTSON
Hamlin Mayor-Farmer

Not many would think it, but our Mayor, Joe L. Culbertson, has been living in or near Hamlin for 25 years, so why not lets "Anniversary him."

Not many have thought of it, but now let us tell everybody that in having Joe L. Culbertson as our Mayor, Hamlin has a distinction not to be found in Texas (we bet). What is it, you ask. We are telling you . . . . Hamlin city has a farmer for its mayor . . . . a real he-farmer, not one who sits back in the shade and watches some other fellows do the dirty work. He loves the soil and it is the only hobby he has. One can look at him and see he is "puny-like" not able to lift much or work long, feeble-like. But the way he can punch a caterpillar tractor, any kind of big machine, any kind of team (formerly) any kind of farm work (except cotton picking) is a sight. Think of going five or six miles out on a farm to talk to a city Mayor! But that is what a lot of fellows have to do if they talk to Hamlin's Mayor.

The years 1938-39 though, have been a little different for Culbertson. He came to realize that if Hamlin did not get more water supply he would have to move out east to the Culbertson farms to be near a good well, if he had any water. But Joe does not want to leave the "bright lights" and therefore he just bowed his neck, lined up the City Council with him, went to Washington City, wangled Senators Sheppard and Connally, Congressman Garrett, and a dozen other controlling fellows up there into letting Hamlin have a little money, while all the world is getting Uncle Sam's money, to help this good City build a better water supply. This is Joe Culbertson's greatest contribution to Hamlin. He has made several airplane trips, commutted between Hamlin and Ft. Worth by auto so many times, till he could hardly tell which way he was going. But things are hitched up for completion of that big $250,000 job and our farmer-mayor has hit the dirt again and rain or no rain he has over 1000 acres planted on their 3,264 acres of Jones County's best lands.

Joe Culbertson does not mind telling his age, or most of the things he has done. He was born in or near Waxahachie, October 19, 1890. He attended public schools in Waxahachie and later attended Trinity University and graduated from A. & M. College in 1913, majoring in Animal Husbandry. He went right to the farm after college.

In November 1914, Joe landed in the Dovie Community east of Hamlin. His father, our esteemed J. C. Culbertson, had purchased the C. C. Ferrell farms, and later acquired the Wm. Green lands. His father joined him in 1915.

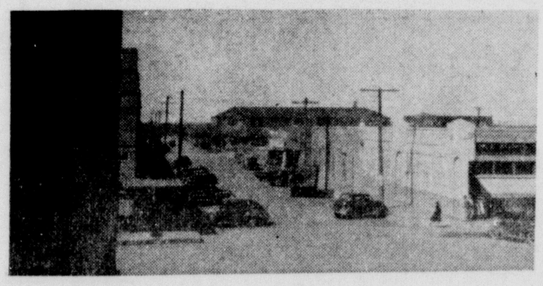
On October 8, 1917 our young farmer joined the army and was assigned to the 315th Engineers, and later he took training for an officer in the Aviation Department and was given a commission as Second Lt. He was stationed at Long Island, and in Pennsylvania and later in Houston, Texas, and was discharged on April 2, 1919.

Mr. Culbertson returned to the Hamlin farms, and right away he met a young lady, Miss Blanche Via. This is the only thing that ever took his mind from the farm and the new-fangled farm machinery. Not even airplanes or a war could do that for him, but that young lady, now Mrs. Joe L. Culbertson turned the trick, at least for awhile. Mr. Culbertson was married to Miss Via on December 31, 1922. They have two girls, Joan, age 13 and Dora Joyce, age 10 years.

Mr. Cubertson has been elected Mayor three times. He feels that his efforts to improve Hamlin's streets, rebuild Hamlin's sewer system, and his work for more and better water, all stand out as the best of his services. He has taken time to be a member of the Lions Club, and served as president of the club, he is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Hamlin Livestock Show, he is a Mason, a Shriner. Culbertson has been honored by being made Honor Member of the Hamlin F. F. A.







HAMLIN IS A GOOD TOWN IN 1939:

We are talking again about a better Hamlin. We have a good town, and it is just what the people of Hamlin made it by their undefeatable spirit of keeping right on despite the thousand drawbacks that all old-timers have witnessed.

In this New day of fast transportation, new economic conditions, unemployment, tendencies to trade elsewhere except at home, with this and that and all the other factors that could be enumerated, Hamlin IS a dandy good town. We do not have everything that progressive citizens desire. But we DO have much that goes to make a good place in which to live. That is what all of us have been striving for for these many years.

Are Hamlin people doing what they should in the face of what confronts them? This is a question that burns itself into the hearts of those who have seen a worse Hamlin than we now have. Hamlin is NOT finished. You know what the drawbacks have been in the years gone by, some of these vital things are now in process of overcoming. When we get them, still we are not through. Each modern acquirement calls for something bigger and better. There is no room in Hamlin for that person who says we can't have a better town. Such a person could do the town good by getting out where he belongs. Doubtless, pull-backs, pouters, knockers are born that way and should be an object of sympathy instead of censure. Maybe they do have a part to play. Maybe such citizens form a kind of brake to keep the builders from going to fast.

Hamlin IS a good town. We are proud of her churches, schools, homes, her industrial establishments, her business men and women. We are proud of Hamlin's many advantages that makes us a good neighbor for this part of Texas. Hamlin is the youngest town in West Texas (you can't disprove that). The Herald Editor believes in 'my home town'! and if we did not we certainly would not keep serving this community.

For 25 years we have watched Hamlin, people, Hamlin merchants, Hamlin farmers and farm communities. From an agricultural standpoint, there is none better than this section. Hamlin trade territory extends over an area of 100 square miles. This territory is dotted with nice farm homes, good schools, and has the best community roads in Texas. Why not Hamlin be a good town, and still be a better town? It is up to the people to make it better. We believe The Herald has proven itself towards this town, this county and this entire community.

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CITY MARSHAL



KONRAD S. (Jack) MILES
Hamlin's City Marshal

The Herald does not have much authentic history of Hamlin "laws" before the days of 1914, but we do remember full well the months of 1914. In those days one could see a large fellow, white hat, dark blue black suit, a red tie, strolling along Hamlin's streets or else on a prancing roan horse, dodging in and out between the wagons, buggies, cotton drays, or maybe chasing a cow that had come down town to pick up a few stalks of feed, or to pick a little cotton from the yard. That City Marshal was then Ed Bigbee. Time went on and later we had various others, among them were Oscar Owen, George Britton (now mayor of Roby) and Bill Johnson, all of whom had plenty to do in keeping Hamlin's reputation for law and order up to the proper standard.

Looking back, we do not remember so much against the peace and dignity of this fair little city. We have never had many serious burglaries, no bank robbing, a few safes broken into, a little merchandise taken, and for a number of years only a few killings. The greatest excitement was in the fall of 1914 when one man was shot on the street in front of what is the B. Hassen store, then the Bowen- Dolman Drug. The fellow who did the "firing" not only planted 51 shot into the man he was after, but let 14 others feel the hot lead, with varying degrees of injury . . . one of those by-standers, but far away, was our present City Councilman, Clyde Wilson. Yep, that was a bad morning. The man who was killed ran through the Bowen-Dolman store and turned and entered the Herald Office, while WE and the printers were trying to see what was happening at the street end. The man died, where he had hidden under a low shelf. That was one time news was brought right to the press.

It is more pleasant to come to the days of recent times, and tell the world that Hamlin is one of the quietest, best behaved, orderly little cities one can find in Texas.

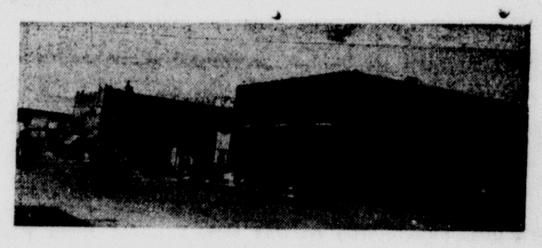
It was in November 21, 1934 that the City of Hamlin secured the services o f our very efficient City Marshal Konrad S. (Jack) Miles. Not many would think Jack had been the real factor in keeping Hamlin a good behaving town all that time, would you?

But we started out to tell about Jack Miles. Who is he, where did he come from, what has he done . . . , well let us tell you . . .

Jack Miles came from the hills of Kentucky, born in Callaway County, on May 27, 1898 tomorrow will be his birthday) Congratulate him, to persuade that young lady to quit her old home, her old friends, her good old state to begin new adventure in marvelous Texas. But he did persuade her and so Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miles, landed in McCaulley, Texas i n 1923, where the young Kentuckyan worked at a garage till he was ask to come to Hamlin and help keep this town as peaceful and harmonious as his influence had done over at McCaulley.

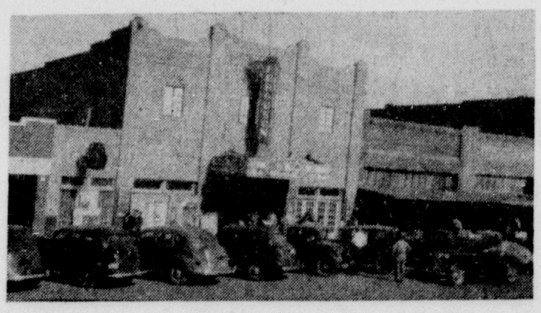


City Marshal Miles had several complicated problems to handle when he first came to Hamlin, but as he has never learned anythng but to plough right ahead and do what he was employed to do, he just kept pulling, and time and good judgement brought him and Hamlin, too, to an even day-in and day-out way of keeping order and harmony.



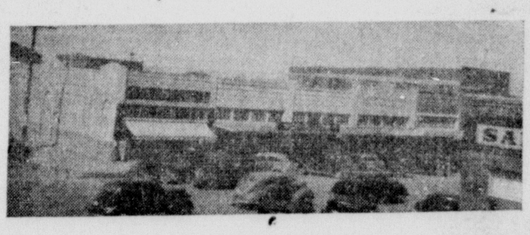
Really Jack Miles is making Hamlin one of the best officers this city has ever had, and voicing for this city, the Herald hereby expresses Hamlin's appreciation to him for his good work.

Jack Miles has many reasons why he wants to make a good officer . . he has an interesting family, a charming wife, and four fine boys. Billie Jack is 15 and Gean is 12, Bob is 8 and Keith is six years of age. All of these boys are in school and Jack says they are doing well. (Mrs. Miles tells him that he is too busy t o know much about school boys, even if they are his own.) Jack says he knows he has made lots of friends around Hamlin and hopes to keep them so, and to stay with his job. He also says, "if it would just rain a little once more things should be all OK again. If it would rain I'd feel grand."















The History of the Nazarene Church In Hamlin, A Heroic Epic

No part of the historical features of this Special Number of the Herald will likely read as much like a heroic epic as this about the HAMLIN CHURCH of the NAZARENE.

No denomination ever put up any greater fight for progress than the early pioneers of the Church of the Nazarene in Hamlin They were the first to get into action, and the last to erect a place of worship in what is now the center of Hamlin residential district.

In the early days of Hamlin, when many thought that right here would be a city the size of the biggest in Texas, great plans were laid out for educational facilities by the devoted members of the Nazarene Church.

Much of what is contained in this article is due to our distinguished and beloved Nazarene pastor, Rev. W. F. Rutherford, who was on the grounds in full force in the early days of this city. He tells us everything, straight and as it truly is available from the historical standpoint that The Hamlin Church of the Naza-

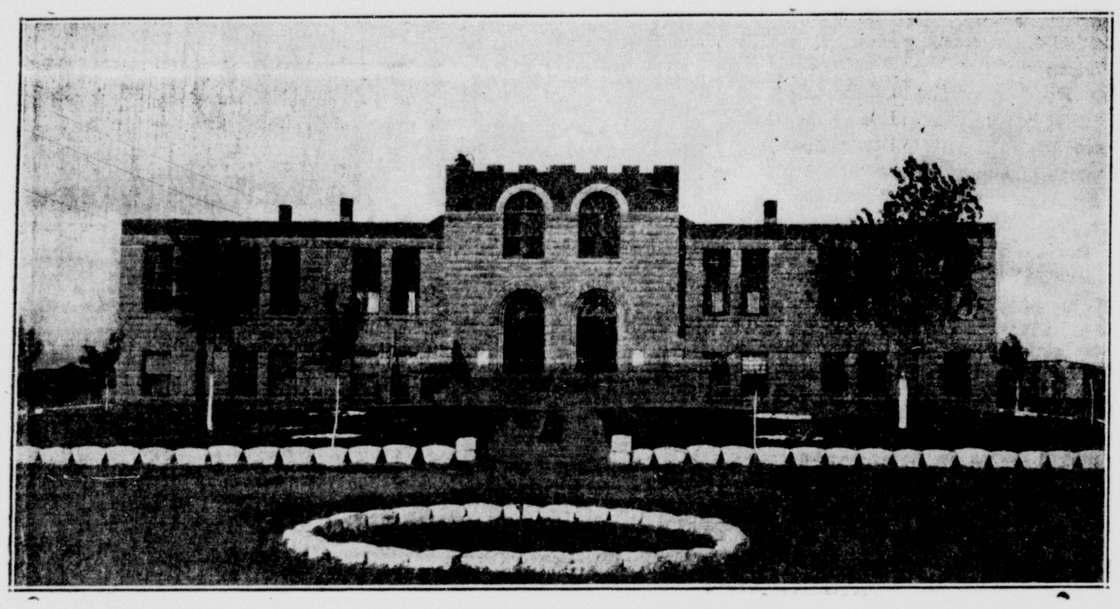
Rev. Rutherford says the first place of worship for his people was on the corner just south of what is now the High School Building, or just west of the Ferguson home, on Jackson Avenue and 8th Street. The house was just a "boxed affair" and in it for awhile, all denominations of Hamlin worshiped, including the Baptist, the Methodist and Presbyterians.

The Central Nazarene College building was ready for occupancy by the fall of 1911, and the church "over in town," was sold and the congregation then used the auditorium of the College as their place of worship and this continued after the abandonment of the building as a place of educational purposes, and till the structure was destroyed by fire in 1934.

At the time of the fire, Rev. J. H Whitaker was the pastor and right here the Herald wants to pay him a compliment for his fighting spirit, in urging the church to build a new house 'over in Hamlin proper." The butions of all denominations and individuals of the town. The new church house is spacious, modest but comfortable, well located on corner of Hope Avenue and Sixth Street. This is a memorial to Rev Whitaker and his faithful congregation.

Other former pastors of the church were: M. V. Dillingham, Rev J. E. Garr, Rev. B. H Haney, Rev A. K. Braken, T. C. Leckie, Rev. H B. White, Rev. L. P. McCrary, Rev W. H. Phillips, Rev. B. F. Neely and now Rev Rutherford. Right here the Herald regrets to publish the news that Rev. Rutherford has offered his resignation as pastor to return to his home church in Weslaco, Texas, in the Rio Grange Valley

Rev. Rutherford appreciates deeply the many friendships he has made in Hamlin and this community in the long years that have passed, his coming and going from this city has never caused him to lose interest in the good people here. He is deeply appreciative of the many courtesies



THE EARLY CENTER OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE IN HAMLIN—COLLEGE AND CHURCH LOST BY FIRE, 1934.

. Eason, one of the early ministers of West Texas He was called as the first patsor and served till 1908.

Rev. Eason was followed by two of the outstanding Nazarene Ministers then and for that matter, to-day Rev. H. C. and Mary Cagle, well known evangelists, who at this time reside in the pastors' home at Round Mound, ten miles west of Hamlin where they have been pastors for a year or more. These two served Hamlin till 1909.

One of the most eventful calls for a pastor in the history of the church was when they ask Rev. W. F College building was built in what was known as "College Addition," perhaps a mile south of the business section of Hamlin, and for several reaosns was at a disadvantage, in the modern days of auto transportation. People who had no cars refrained from walking so far when so many others had cars. In the olden days, everybody walked and thought nothing of it, or went in buggies or wagons.

The first severe blow to the Church was when the College was merged with the Bethany-Penial College at Oklahoma City. Penial received during his pastorate here recently.

He has an orange grove and spacious home in the Valley, and will go to that place shortly, maybe before you read this paper.

Central Nazarene College was founded in 1909 by Rev. William E Fisher, then District Superintendent of the Abilene District Church of the Nazarene, and Rev. W F. Rutherford, Rev. J. P. Roberts, Rev. H. C Cagle, Rev. J. A Young and Mr. C A Johnson.

Work was started on the building in October 1909. The corner stone



The New House Of Worship -- Church of the Nazarene

utherford, of Abilene, to come nd lead the congregation. This plendid minister, is today, this year 939, again their pastor, esteemed nd appreciated by all people who now him. Rev. Rutherford continued as pastor till November 1911 when he was chosen as Business anager of the newly organized and onstructed Central Nazarene College in Hamlin. This was done in he District Assembly at Wichita Falls.

College was at Greenville, Texas and both Texas towns yielded to Oklahoma City, in the merger After that the great grey-stone house stood gaunt and unused, mostly, except the auditorium . . . . . and then the fire came, the hardest knock of all.

It was through the undaunted spirit of DO, that a New place of worship was built. This was accomplished by the heroic efforts of the membership and the liberal contri-

was laid in April 1910, with imposing ceremonies, by Dr. E. P. Ellison General Superintendent, as the principal speaker. In the ceremony the Hamin City Council and Mayor Shannon took a big part. Work continued till July 1910, when funds were exhausted, and nothing further was done till in October of that year Then it was when Rev. Rutherford became Business Manager. The first term began Jan. 12, 1912, with Rev.

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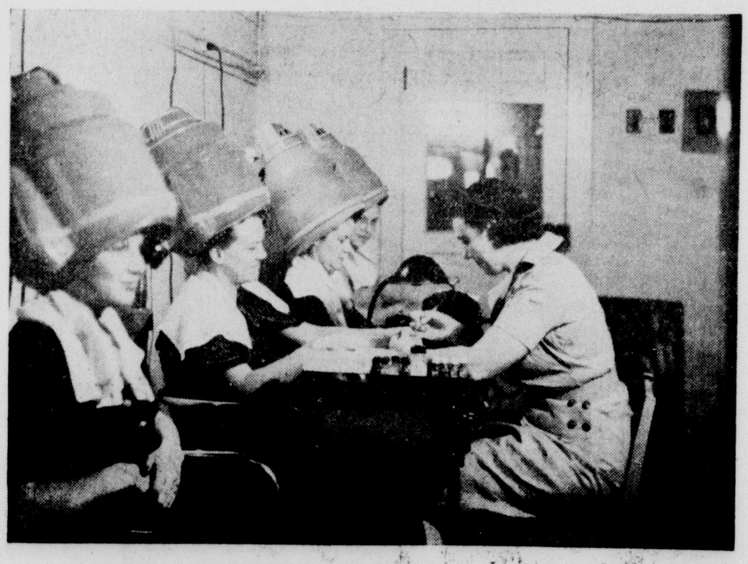
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Church of Christ Was Promoted By the Late R. D. Moore

Probably, the first attempt to have a place of worship in Hamlin may be accorded to the former owner of all the lands that is now Hamlin. The late R. D. Moore, whose sons, Fred B. and Dick are now citizens of Hamlin and prominent as grain and stockmen.

If the Herald gets the correct information, and we are sure we have, the early citizen, R. D. Moore, invited a minister from Fort Worth to come to Hamlin to hold a meeting. Later Mr. Moore of his own accord and principally by his own means constructed what for a long time was known as the Moore Tabernacle and used for mnay years as the place of worship of the Church of Christ.

The Tabernacle stood about where the Hamlin Hospital now is located. It was just across the street east of the former Moore home on Central Avenue. This structure stood till after a Union Tabernacle was built just south of where the Church of Christ is now located.

Where now stands the beautiful white brick building, a former organization known as the "Central Christian Church" had their church home in days gone by. It was a very substantial frame house, equal to any of its day in Hamlin. That branch of the church disolved and sold their property to the Church of Christ, which was first encouraged and developed by the R. D. Moore family.

The present Church of Christ building was started in May of 1930, under the leadership again of the Mrs. R D. Moore family, whose husband had passed away several years previously. Her son, Fred B. Moore was on the building committee and deserves much credit for the part he played in bringing the present building to a success. Others on the building committee with Fred B. Moore were W. L. Fletcher, Jr., George G. Hall and J H. Zimmerman. All of these men undertook a great task right in the darkest days of the depression. It was finished as you see it today. A beautiful building, and located in a very favorable place. It is on Highway No. 92 that is being built from Hamlin to Rotan, on the corner of Union Avenue, one block from the Main Central Avenue.

This building is able to accommodate every department of the church and may be the fullfillment of the dream that was in the mind of the early R. D. Moore Here it is appropriate to tell that soon after or before the erection of the present church structure, the late Mrs. R. D. Moore secured lots and had erected a lovely brick home across the street from the church . . . . similar to the situation that she and her husband enjoyed in the early Tabernacle days. By this means she could attend, without bother to anyone, or if at home she could hear the singing and part of the sermons.

The preesnt church was dedicated in September of 1930, by a prominent Evangelist, Lyle Price, then of Denison, but now of Denton, Texas. Again on this June 11, 1939, the Second Sunday, this same Evangelist is to start a eries of revival services at this church, assisted by the pastor, Minister Walter Jackson.

It is interesting to recall some of the many pioneers in church work in our town, but in listing them, we all know that some one may be left out, but that can not be helped . . . people's minds do not recall as many as they wish. We learn of such good families as the R. D. Moore, the W H. Birdwells, the Oscar Stelzigs, the J. M. Sedberrys, the J. W. Scotts, W. C. Warlicks, and now some who are with us, Mr. and Mrs. G. H Joiner, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall who live in west Texas.



VIRGIL WALTER JACKSON
Minister Church of Christ

A SKETCH OF THE PASTOR

Minister, Virgil Walter Jackson, pastor of the Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson was born near Grand Falls, Texas, October 30, 1905 His mother died when he was about 6 years old. His uncle, C. V. Borders and his wife adopted Virgil, his two brothers and one sister, taking them to Kempner, Texas, near Lampasas, to live. There Virgil attended a one-teacher rural school for 5 terms. The family then moved to Runnels County, near Maverick, where Mr. Borders died when Virgil was 14 years old. Mrs. Borders who was ill at the time of her husbands death was so weakened by the shock that she required much help and careful nursing to survive Being the oldest child, the task fell to Virgil, putting an end to his education for five years.

At the age of 19 he entered Gunter College Academy at Gunter, Grayson County, Texas, completing two years of High School and one of College in two long terms.

On December 5, 1925, shortly before he graduated from High School he was married to Miss Ernestine Louise Moore of Midland, Texas. To them have been born 6 daughters. The following year he began teaching at Moore's Hill, Martin County, Texas, a one-teacher school in the heart of a ranching district. Since that time he has taught in Nolan, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Haskell and Fisher Counties, attending school in the summer at Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas; securing his B. S. Degree in 1935.

His preaching career began at the age of 18 at Maverick and he has preached in three states and in every section of the state of Texas

He was actively engaged in religious work as a song leader before his preaching career began.

At the present time he is teaching at McCaulley in Fisher county, closing his third year there as principal of the elementary school and director of public school music; he has been re-elected for the term 1939-40.

He is also completing his 20th month with the Hamlin Church of Christ.

During the time Minister Jackson has been teaching at McCaulley and serving the Hamlin Church of Christ he has made a great many warm friends in this community. The Church is very appreciative of his devotion and ability as a leader.



The New Home of the Church of Christ

McCAULLEY FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The Men's Fellowship Club of McCaulley entertained groups from Rotan and Sylvester, Tuesday night. The principal speaker was J. O. Roberts, of Rotan. Others attending from Rotan were Joe E. Boyd, J. A. Mercer, John Gilbert, M. W. Strickland and M. M. Ogle.

Those present from Sylvester were C. W. Parmenter, E. C. Waldrop, L. P. Presley, F. J. McCain, A. F. Edson, J. A. Edwards, W. S. Hamlin, F. B. Seeton, J. H. Lawlis and Elmer Hawkins.

McCaulley club members attending were J. L. Mayhew, Rex Kemp, W. H. Peckron, J. A. Jackson, Ira Parker, Levi McCollum, S. E. Miers, J. R. Flemmings, Earl Brown, J. A. Holden, Earnest McClure, W. F. Tabb, F. W. Poe, W. D. Switzer and L. F. Cozzen.

Let every dawn of the morning be to you as the beginning of life. —Ruskin.

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W. L. Fletcher Jr. Carrier Rt. 3 Prominent In N. R. L. C. Association

The purpose of the several personal mentions in this issue of the Herald is to let the men and women who have carried on in this community, know that their services over the long years are appreciated and that by knowing each other better we should appreciate one an other all the more.

We come now to another Rural Letter Carrier, Mr. W. L. Fletcher Jr., who has been delivering the mail to the farmers of Hamlin Rt. 3 since September 2, 1919 . . nearly 20 full years ago.

Mr. Fletcher is a very busy man he not only carries the mail promptly and to the satisfaction of his patrons but he has a National duty to his carrier buddies.

Soon after Mr. Fletcher became a rural letter carrier he began taking great interest in the progress welfare and general interest of the letter carriers of his immediate section of Texas, and was one of the leading men in the organization of the Jones, Haskell, Fisher County Rural Letter Carrier Association. He was elected Secretary of this Association and held the position for 12 years.

SKETCH OF MR. FLETCHER'S LIFE

But we are getting ahead of our story. Lets drop back to the beginning and tell you some of the "inside" story of "Bill" Fletcher. His closest friends like to call him "Bill," you see. One thing certain Mr. Fletcher is not bashful about telling his age.

W. L. Fletcher Jr. was born in Hill County, September 22, 1894. His parents later moved to Limestone county and when Bill was about 14 years of age the family moved to Jones County and settled near where the Abbie Church is today. This place is still the home of his parents. He went to school out there at Abbie and later attended Hamlin High School as a senior in 1915-16.

On July 4, 1918, W. L. Jr., went into the army, Squadron B of the Air Service and was stationed at San Antonio, Kelly Field for nine months. He was released from the service on February 28, 1919 and returned to his father's farm and again lived in the Abbie community.

W. L. Fletcher and Miss Maude Birdwell, a Hamlin girl, were united in marriage on Aug. 27, 1919, and a few days later he started his career as a rural letter carrier.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher are an ideal couple, with four interesting children. They have a lovely brick residence on 4th Street and Hope Avenue. The young lives of this home are Harold Fletcher, age 15; Milton Fletcher nearly 14 years of age, W. L. the III, age 5 years and little Marylyn, age 2 . . . three sons, and one daughter. All but the youngest have had the privilege of much educational travel because of their opportunities of accompaning their parents to the many Letter Carrier conventions which they have attend-



W. L. FLETCHER, Jr.

ed over the United States.

Following Mr. Fletcher's service in the West Texas District as Secretary, he was elected Secretary Treas. of the Texas State Rural Letter Carriers Association and served with outstanding distinction for seven years. His counsel and conservative attitude made him a man sought for in the wider fields of his profession.

In 1935, Mr. Fletcher attended the National Letter Carriers Convention in Denver Colorado, and it was there he was chosen the National Treasurer of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association. Like all other positions he has held, this was conducted with efficiency and dignity to the extent that he has been re elected for the past five consecutive years.



The W. L. FLETCHER Jr., HOME

During his wide connection with the State and National organizations Mr. Fletcher has attended many important conventions, both state and national. He has to make many trips to Washington each year to attend Board meetings, and other matters connected with the general officials. He has attended in Denver, Boston, Indianapolis, New Orleans and Washington.

Here is one thing we wish to say about Bill Fletcher as a carrier. Despite the position, despite the many times he has to be away, he is just plain 'old Bill" at his job. He is as conscientious about doing the real job of carrying the mail as he could possibly be in the wider field as an official. He returns home and one would never think to see him going from box to box, in his everyday work outfit, that he had just returned from swanky cities, where all the big officials, congressmen, senators postal high-ups etc. were his every minute companions. Yes, sir, Bill Fletcher is just one of the humbles rural mail carriers when he gets back to Hamlin.

Somehow, some busy men find time to give to the religious things of life. We find Mr. Fletcher a devoted member of the local Church of Christ, and Elder in his church, was S. S. Superintendent for 12 years, was on the building committee that constructed the pretty white brick church. He is a member of the Hamlin Masonic Lodge; member of the American Legion (here we shall say that Mr. Fletcher has been Service Officer for five years and has helped many ex-service men to Veterans' Hospitals) . . The most recent public job Mr. Fletcher has held was that of President of the Parent-Teacher Association.

If Mr. Fletcher ever had a hobby he will not tell it.

Mrs. Lodie Herbst, of Spur, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Carter and family this week.

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WOMAN BANKER



MISS LENNIE GREENWAY
Early Banker

In Hamlin there are several women who have proven beyond a doubt that they can succeed in the commercial world, as well as any man. Above we see a successful, untiring, competent banking woman, who is about as well known in Hamlin financial matters as any man in Hamlin.

Only on vacations, and very little times from illness, has Miss Lennie Greenway ever been out of a place of business in Hamlin since the present Editor has been in this city the past 25 years.

The first time the writer ever saw Miss Greenway was in the office of the Wm. Green General Merchandise establishment, in what is now the Carter Variety Store by the side of the F. & M. National Bank, where she is now long experienced in banking. It was in the days of 1914, when the enormous cotton crop was made in this country, that Miss Greenway was cashier, bookkeeper for that firm. Only a few people ever knew how much she had to do. Taking care of the store accounts then was a huge job, alone, but in the fall the Green farm produced hundreds and hundreds of bales of cotton and every Saturday, it was Miss Lennie's job to figure out the amount due each picker, pay them off. It was her job to figure out the amount due the farmer for his cotton after the store buyers bought hundreds of bales each week on the streets. In those days there were not many labor-saving machines in any office, so she did all that work without even a typewriter, an adding machine or calculator of any kind. Before this store experience, she had worked for Mrs. F. H. Winslett, Milliner, covering bandeaus and making hats. Later she worked as operator two years for the S. W. Bell Telephone Co., and three years in the commercial department. She began her banking career in the First National Bank, Aug. 1, 1918, under B. L. Jones as Cashier. She was elected Assistant Cashier in 1919, and continued with this bank till it was sold to the F. & M. National on April 4, 1934.

Miss Greenway is naturally fitted for her work, careful, courteous, accomodating, congenial, conscientious and maybe works too hard. The women who had worked in banks in Hamlin before her were, Mrs. M. Y. Wilson, (formerly Miss Patterson) and Miss Della Cowan. Miss Greenway is a native of Taylor County, and has been in Jones Co., since 1904 and in Hamlin since Dec. 1908.

FIRST FOOD STAMP—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace announced that Rochester, New York will be the first of a half-dozer cities in which the new food stamp plan for distributing surpluses through the normal channels of trade will be started. Actual operation of the plan is expected to begin in that City within the coming thirty days. The plan has been unanimously endorsed by the National Food and Grocery Conference Committee and contemplates wider consumption of surplus farm products by increasing the purchasing power of low-income families. Distribution of surpluses will take place through wholesale and retail grocery outlets in Rochester during the experimental period of from two to four months

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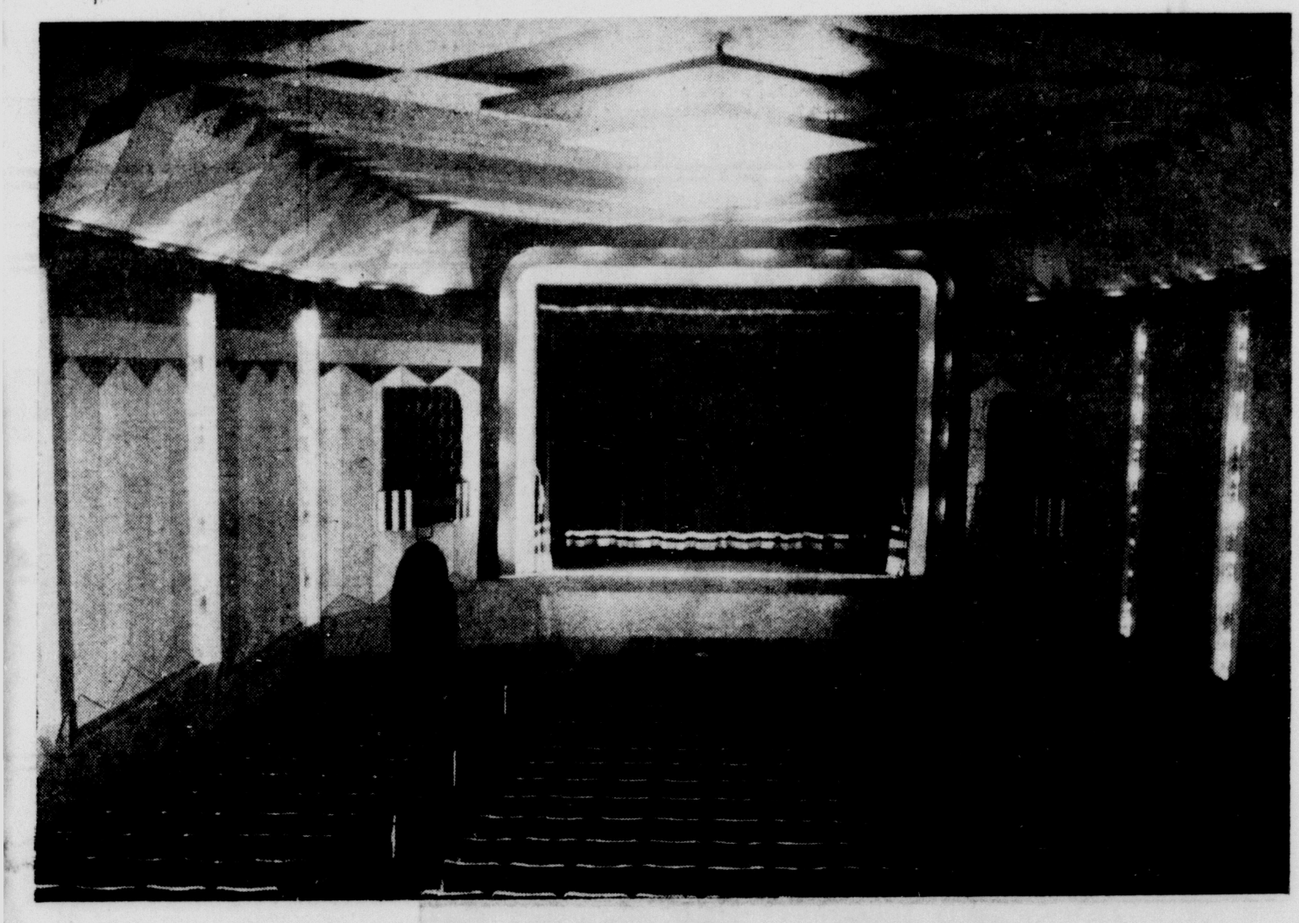
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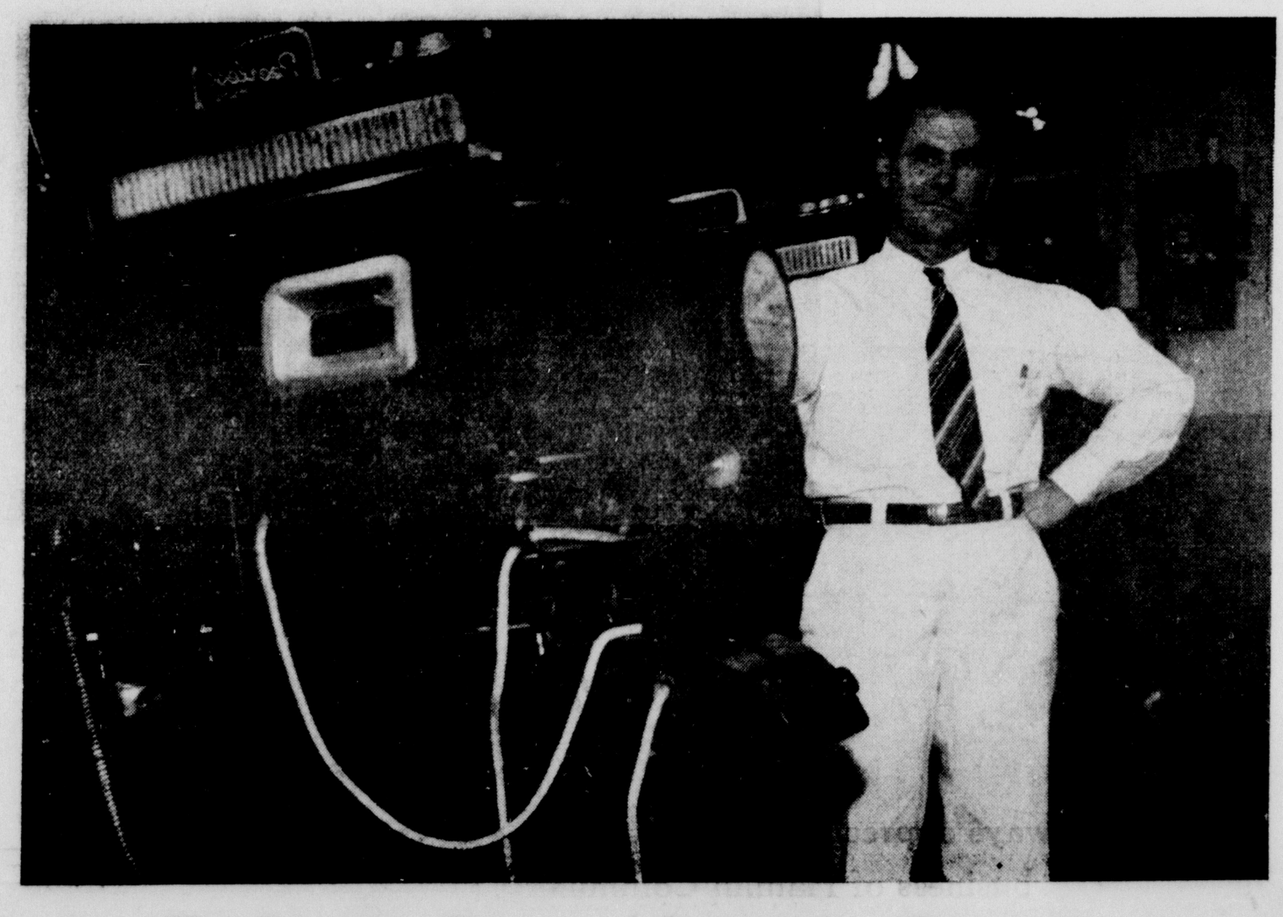
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Father and Son Team-up To Make A Successful Business

When one begins to count up the number of "boys" who came to West Texas from some of the older States and made good in this land of the "wide-open" it is quite suprising. One of the many is W. A. Albritton, one of Hamlin's oldest continuous merchants.

Most folks who know this energetic groceryman call him Arthur. Well, Arthur has been in Hamlin now just about a THIRD of a century of time.

Before we say more about this Hamlinite, lets drop back several years and pick up his life in the old State of Louisiana. Mr. Albritton was born on November 6, 1879, at Downsville, La. He spent his school days in Downsville and Calhoun and his early manhood was spent in farming and working at gins.

About the time that Arthur was 21 years of age, he was married to Miss Metie Pardue, December 22, 1900, both living at Downsville, La. Mr. and Mrs. Albritton came to Texas, to Hamlin, in 1907, and at that time had one child, now Mrs. O. D. Roland, of Port Arthur, Texas. A son, Henry Albritton, was born in Hamlin on June 6, 1909 and the third child is Miss Geneva Albritton a teacher now in the Hamlin schools.

The Albritton family has occupied a prominent place in the citizenship of their adopted town. Mr. Albritton, after coming out to these wide-open skies, took some time to get accustomed to the glare of the sunshine, and like so many fellows in Hamlin's early days, he engaged in real estate. Finally the American (?) Express Company needed a strong, never tiring fellow to handle their big business in Hamlin and Arthur just fit their needs. So, Mr. Albritton took that job and for eight years handled more express in this little growing city than any body else has ever done since. He happened to get the Express when the laws permitted a strange system of handling liquors. The express agency had to handle tons of all kinds of liquors. They would ship it in great quantities under fictitious names, and anybody wanting a bottle or a gallon could come in



W. A. ALBRITTON
Long Time Groceryman

and ask for "their package" and sign up for it and soon be drunk. That did not suit Albritton to be a fake whiskey dealer. Things changed soon, to where the company could not bring the stuff in unless positively ordered and signed up for after identifications. That was easy for no one was particular about identifying the 'man," he might be and he might not be the one ordering the liquor. Anyway Arthur handled more liquor in Hamlin, as an express man, during the years, until National Prohibition went into effect, than if he had been a saloon keeper. It was a good business, even better than real estate. But time and conditions change things and so Arthur seemed to "whiff" a new day, the day of the truck, the auto and other economic strangeness.

About 1919, Mr. Albritton decided to use his own brick business house as a grocery store, and for the past twenty years that Albritton corner has been one of Hamlin's steady place of business. These years he had three children to educate, and as each one completed High School, entered college, he could see progress for them and for his business. The young son in the family graduated from the Hamlin High School in 1927, and by 1931, Henry had gained a degree in Business Administration in the State University. He returned to Hamlin and with him were many new business ideas, and push and get-up-and-get, similar to what they say his Dad had about the time he discovered Texas. Henry put a lot of time and thought in the grocery business for a year or two, but finally he got his ideas, his thoughts and his time mixed up in romance and to remedy that he was married to Miss Dorothy Boyd, a Hamlin girl on January 26, 1935, so since then and to this day, Henry and his father have made a real team in business. They have



HENRY ALBRITTON
The Junior Member

kept building up to modernism of arrangements and business methods into one of Hamlin's biggest and best stores.

During the long period of life in Hamlin, W. A. Albritton has been in the forefront of Masonic work in Hamlin, having held practically every position in the lodge. He was formerly the local Clerk of the W. O. W. Mr. Albritton is a Baptist, a deacon in the church and a Sunday School worker. He has served many years on the Hamlin school board. He is a charter member of the Hamlin Rotary Club, had a past president of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Albritton have played a good part as citizens in this community and the Herald takes pleasure in congratulating them for all they have done for Hamlin and accomplished for themselves.

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For 33 Years In Hamlin—"Everything to Build Anything



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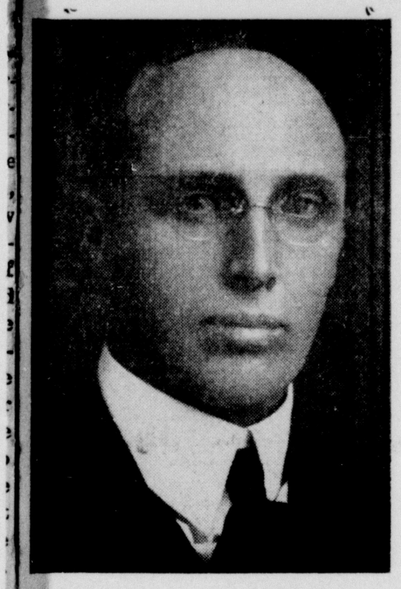
We have always appreciated the good business of Hamlin Community.

Paul Bryan, Local Mgr.

Nazarene Church

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. E. L. More, A. B., of Wilmore, Ky preisdent. The college had a wonderful achievement and a host of graduates from the institution who entered the ministry and professions of life. Those students of old Nazarene College are today a credit to the instructors who gave of their time and talents. Business men, women, missionaries and ministers look back to Central Nazarene College as their Alma Mater.



REV. W. F. RUTHERFORD
Pastor Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Rutherford, at this time desires the Herald to record for posterity the names of the early men who paid so much, so liberally to the establishment of the church and the College. Among them he lists such men as N. A. Brown, the Whiteley Brothers, Charley Middleton, Willie Johnson, Bill Whaley, A. D. McLaughlin, Clinton Fraizer, D. J Payne, Mayor Shannon, Fred B Moore, Judge Ferrell of Anson and J. W Ezell. Rev. Rutherford, like the Herald, hopes no one will criticize him or us for ommitting some names of that early day. But, here he desires that we DO mention one other, important contributor. It was in their first mass meeting for funds, when they ask for those who wanted to contribute, to come forward. The FIRST man was a drayman, a Mr. Collins, who jumped up and rushed forward with 50 cents, all he had. He wrote his name with the treat that night, for indeed he gave more than any other, his all, his "mite."

Rev. Rutherford lists a few of the later men who came to the rescue of the church. Among them are such names as the late William Flannigan, W H. Garrett, Preston Phenix Soloman Johnson and our present day beloved Brother J. A. Young.

So with these lines this history accurate and interesting, we shall let the next 33 years, or 25 years as the case may be, build their record. That future book can not be more heroic than the past.

W. H. Littlefield of Anson Develops a Cash Insurance

On October 17, 1935, the first policy was issued by Ideal Security Life Insurance Co., Anson. W. H. Littlefield, Secy-Treas., had formerly operated Burial Associations, which paid off in cash, but in the fall of 1935, because of Legislation, he complied with Insurance laws, and began operating under the supervision of State Department of Insurance. From this rather humble beginning The Ideal Security Life Insuranct Co. has grown and prospered. On May 16, 1939, more than 12,600 policies have been issued. They have no unpaid claims, and a large cash reserve is deposited to the credit of policy-holders.

Mr. Littlefield has made quite a reputation for his Company by the promptness of tht payment of claims, as he does not wait for you to come get your money, he TAKES it to you as quickly as possible, after you call The Ideal Security Life Insurance Company, at their expense

This Company is perhaps one of the best advertised and most favorably known, because of their untiring efforts in handling their business, and the arrangements made for the convenience of their policy-holders.



W. H. LITTLEFIELD
of Anson

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—A FEW OF THESE MORE RECENTLY ERECTED, INCLUDE MRS. W. H. GILBERT'S RESIDENCE; FERGUSON THEATRE; HARDEN HOTEL; M. T. YORK RESIDENCE; PALACE THEATRE, ANSON, TEXAS; TEXACO SERVICE STATION; MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION; VAUGHAN ESTATE BUSINESS BUILDINGS, AND THE F. & M. BANK BUILDING.

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A Fisher County Boy Proves Bread-Making A Success

Hats off to the young business man who says, "I won't be downed." You know folks, when Eddie Jay came into Hamlin from his hometown of Roby, he tackled a big job, but Eddie Jay has proven his metal in the Bakery Business in this fair city of Hamlin. Eddie has put his very life into his business, and represents to-day a sample of get-up--and-get in this western country. He has proven beyond a doubt that when a fellow fights for his rights, has the quality and the quantity, "totes" fair with his fellow man, there is nothing but success to crown his efforts.

Lets see who and how this fellow, Eddie Jay has done. First, we learn that Eddie is a real Fisher County product, born near Roby, Dec. 31, 1912. He graduated from the Roby High School in 1927, went a year to Texas Tech, got on the honor roll at the end of the last semester. When he returned to Roby that summer, he got a chance to keep books at a gin, and later worked in the Roby bank. When he began to make dollars, he forgot to return to college.

In Roby about that time there was a young, hustling, former Hamlin boy, by the name of Arie Lee Thompson, who had a bakery and desired to go to a larger town. Thompson made Eddie an offer and Eddie will not take a dare. So the would be banker started his career as a bakery promoter. Eddie did well in Roby and in 1935, the Hamlin Bakery was for sale, and before one could say "Jack," Eddie uped and bought the Hamlin bakery.

There is always a big moment in any young man's life, and that moment for Eddie Jay was when he met and married Miss Jewel Carlile, May 18, 1934. Eddie has beamed two more times with jubilation since his marriage. The cause was his first son, James Eddie Jr., now 3 years of age and just recently, Jerry Fred, age 3 months. Mr. and Mrs. Jay have a nice home on Farwell Avenue. Eddie is growing into a civic leader. He is a member of the Church of Christ, a S. S. teacher, member of the Hamlin Rotary Club, director of the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce, and would you believe it, Eddie has for his hobby, after bread . . . . motion pictures. He is likely to snap you in motion if you don't watch out.



EDDIE JAY

The Herald has watched Eddie carefully during his expansion in Hamlin. We find in him the spirit that tells the "big out-of-town corporations," get to heck out of my home town, I'm living in Hamlin, paying my taxes in Hamlin, producing as a good products as anybody out of Hamlin and I'm going to fight for my rights in Hamlin, by making myself useful to Hamlin people as possible, and claim a moral right to Hamlin people's trade. It takes a stiff-neck man to fight that way. A "limber-legged, half-hearted" fellow would have said, "why spend money pushing my business, its no use, I'm whipped." . . . Eddie Jay does not know those words . . . . . Well, if you will take a look at Eddie's plant, his representation of machinery, his expression, you will see that he is not asleep, and he is not afraid to put money into Hamlin, and that he has confidence in Hamlin and her people.

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WHEN IN NEED OF BEAUTY WORK COME TO SEE US.

Miss Bessie Joiner Won Third Place, $2.50 Prize

IN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ESSAY, "WHY TRADE IN HAMLIN"

"It is absolutely necessary that we co-operate with the business men of Hamlin by trading with them. If we do not, Hamlin will become a sick town which can be revived only by giving it a transfusion of life-giving trade—home town trade . . . the life-blood of prosperity.

"I suppose all of us have seen communities that are filled with empty business buildings and deserted residences. These were once thriving little towns, not large towns to be sure, but prosperous, growing towns. The citizens failed to boost their community; they failed to give it their whole-hearted support. Gradually businesses were forced into bankruptcy or were moved to a busier town. Residents left. More business firms closed their doors from lack of trade, until finally these little towns became mere shadows of their former selves. It is our duty as citizens of Hamlin to see that this does not happen to our town.

The passing of the small towns and communities is a real tragedy, for what would America be without them? Small towns, such as Hamlin, form the heart of America. The small town is the stronghold of hospitality. The people in cities seem always to be in a hurry; there is no time to make real friends and extend real hospitality. It may truly be said that a person has no neighbors in the city. He has acquaintances and friends but no neighbors. Only in the small town where life flows along at a slow, even tenor can one really live gracefully. We, the citizens of Hamlin, cannot permit our town to change from the prosperous, neighborly town that it is to a veritable ghost town.

"To prevent our town from going to rack and ruin as many have done, we must support it and patronize its business establishments. Some of us have been thoughtlessly and heedlessly tearing down that which has taken years of patience and toil to build. Perhaps the fact that he is hurting his home town by trading elsewhere has never occurred to many of our citizens. I know that it had never occurred to me. I had always gone to larger towns to buy the greater part of my needs, thinking that I was saving money by doing so. I just accepted this as a fact and never compared prices and qualities to see if I was really saving. Recently, I collected prices on several articles in Hamlin and compared them with prices of similar articles in a neighboring town. The results amazed me. I found that the greatest saving that I could make on any article was five cents! I realized then that I was aiding in the destruction of my city for the sake of five round, shining pennies. Furthermore, I found an evening dress in that same town priced at $19.95. When I returned home, I found a dress identical in quality and material for the unbelievable sum of $7.95. I was as surprised and pleased on discovering that our home town could compete so favorably with larger towns as Balboa must have been when he discovered the Pacific Ocean.

All of us want to be able to be proud of our town, and we ARE proud of it, but how long will we be justified in our pride? If we continue taking our money from Hamlin and spending it elsewhere, we soon will not have a town of which we can be justly proud.

You have undoubtedly seen trees with mistletoe growing on them, and possibly it never occurred to you that it was a parasite, living off the tree and giving nothing in return. The person who receives the many benefits offered him by our town and yet spends his money in other towns, giving our city nothing in return, is a parasite. He is much more useless to his community than the mistletoe is to the tree, for mistletoe adds beauty to the tree, while a human parasite adds nothing of value to his community. Do we not owe our position in our town, our many conveniences, and even our very means of existence to the merchants of Hamlin? If this is true, then should we not try to repay in a small measure the many things they have done for us, by trading in Hamlin?

"The larger cities are continually sending out circulars to the smaller towns, putting full-page advertisements in their newspapers, and offering their merchandise at unbelievably low prices. These devices are used in the hope of luring the unwary small town citizens into their city. The wise buyer will not snap up their bait which is usually as deceptive as the bright-colored, flies used by fishermen.

"There is not nearly so much pleasure to be found in shopping in a large city as there is right here in Hamlin. When shopping in larger cities, we meet only professional courtesy; while shopping in Hamlin, we meet with friendly interest and genuine courtesy. The clerks whom we know, will take a real interest in seeing that we get what we want and what we need. Here, in Hamlin, we do not have to keep an eagle eye on the scales to see that the merchant does not weigh his thumb with the purchase, nor do we worry for fear the merchant has substituted a cheap quality of merchandise for the good quality we all want. This type of merchant would soon find that he has no customers in Hamlin. In Hamlin all the business men are friends or at least acquaintances whom we can trust. This alone is reason enough why we should trade in Hamlin.

"In short, we should trade in Hamlin because prices are just as low here as they are elsewhere, a variety of articles can be found in Hamlin, we should be interested in building up our town rather than destroying it, we should trade with our firends and last and most important, we should give something in return for the many benefits we receive from our town and our business men. These reasons should mean a great deal to any loyal citizen of Hamlin, and should cause him to take stock of himself to see if he really IS as loyal as he should be." —BESSIE JOINER.

The blessed work of helping the world forward, happily does not wait to be done by perfect men.—George Eliot.

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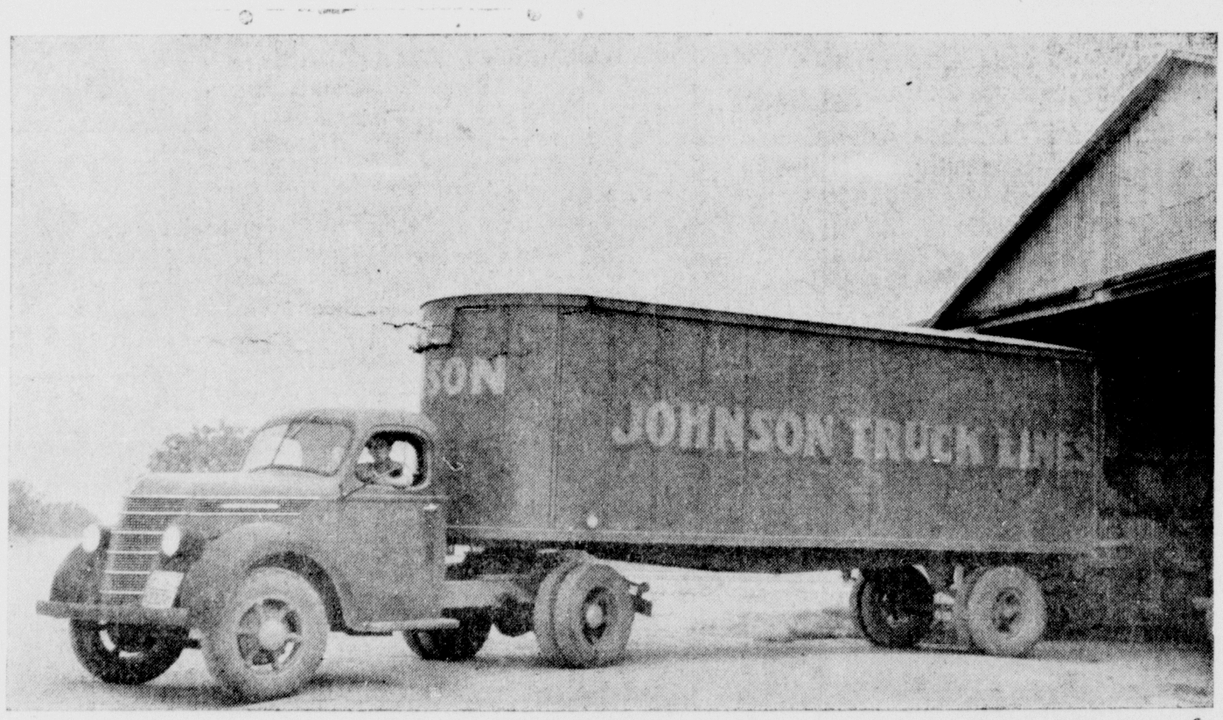
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IN 34TH YEAR—EVERY WEEK SINCE 1905 HAMLIN, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1939 NUMBER 30.

Hamlin Is Assured An Ample Water Supply By A $250,000 New Lake, Now Building

Lake "Calli" To Solve Hamlin's Water Problem

The above picture of Hamlin's first "water works" was furnished by our old timer friend, J. W. McGough, who today enjoys the memories of the early days in Hamlin. In the picture we see his son-in-law John Reese, his son James McGough, who is a farmer north of Hamlin, and the horses, Denny and Shorty. Mr. McGough says he paid $65 for Denny and kept him two years and sold him for $105. See on another page sketches of Mr. McGough in this Special Issue.

In Hamlin, first year or so, the only water supply was from a well, and when it rained, it was by the horse-power-barrel system, as seen above. This was for a frontier town and for frontiersmen.

Hamlin became a "CITY" so suddenly that water was its first great problem. Let us say it another way: Hamlin's first problem was water, and Hamlin's present day problem is WATER. The Herald has said so much about water till we are hesitating here to tell the story. But it now seems that Hamlin is soon to get one of the best and most ample water supplies she has ever had. We have a right to be a little bolder. But on with the history.

The records of Hamlin's first water works system dates back to Hamlin's organization.

For many years Hamlin did not own the water, only the lines, and distributing system and depended upon the Moore Lake west of town for the supply. The R. D. Moore estate owned this lake, and sold water rights to Hamlin. It did not become the property of Hamlin till in comparatively recent years. It was and is a lake good and big enough when the rains come, but so many of the years the rain was scant and Hamlin suffered more than anybody can estimate because we did not have enough water. It takes water to make a town, first of all things. This lake is far enough up stream from Hamlin to enable gravity to flow the water into town. This did not take place till the city built the 'Upper Lake," shown below. At first the pump station was at Moore Lake, and water was forced into the standpipe from there. Water Supt. O. M. Smith had this job for many years, before taking a similar job at Paducah, Texas.

The next step in Hamlin's fight for water was to build a concrete dam across California (River) about a mile farther west up the creek from the Moore Lake. This was on city owned lands and Moore Lake continued to be the link to town. It was built by the isuance of $35,000.-00 water warrants, during the administration of Mayor Chastain. At that time it seemed that Hamlin had have all the water needed if the rains came often enough.

This lake is not so deep, but backs water up a long way. It had plenty of misfortune, overflowed once and backed east down the Katy railroad tracks and parts of the earth damn gave way and later a gyp leak south of the dam caused a complete washout. This was repaired and after awhile held all it could get, except on occasions similar to the above picture.

Hamlin lakes are noted for their fine fishing, if not for water. Several times the past years water gave out before the fish did and thousands of them died or were transferred. These two lakes are now owned by the city of Hamlin, and are our sole source of water.

Hamlin a few years ago made an effort to secure water from a source north of town, but it proved unsuccessful, because of the nature of the lake bed, located in the T-Diamond Ranch.

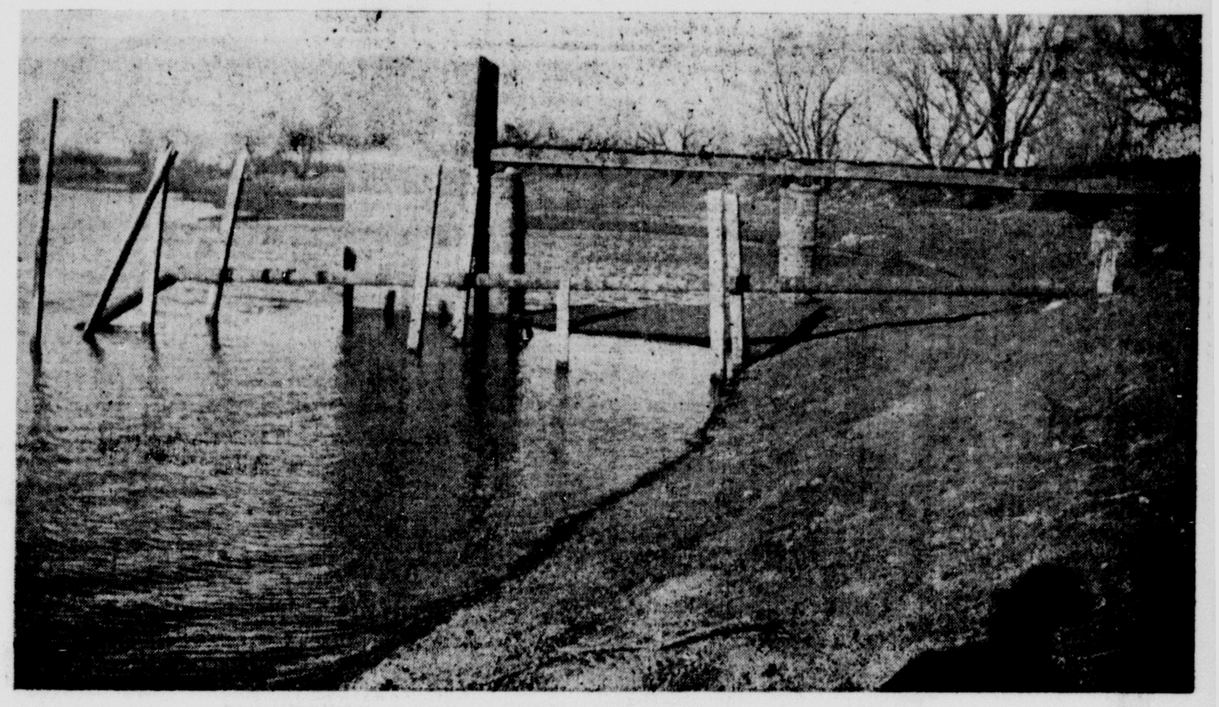
THE CITY HAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION A BIG WATER PROJECT

Last Christmas, 1938, a message came from Washington telling Mayor Culbertson that the PWA administration had granted Hamlin an outright sum of $105,000 and would take Hamlin's water bonds for a little more than $129,000.00 and would assist in the construction of a new water system located on Dry California Creek south of Hamlin. This great project is now under way, by contractors, Cocke & Braden of Amarillo. The new lake scenes are not far enough along to represent in this isue, but the company has some very ponderous machinery out there making a great lake, a distance of about four miles from town. This big lake has a water shed of 35 square miles and over a territory almost free from gypsum. It looks good for this city.

The Herald desires here to pay a lasting tribute to the unselfish, untiring, wonderful efforts to the present 1938-39 City Council and its Mayor, Joe C. Culbertson. Councilmen H. O. Cassle, Clyde Wilson, R. Y. Barrow and J. W. Ezell have done a wonderful fine piece of work for the city in the water effort, and with them we will include the City Secretary, J. B. Eakin. Culbertson has made many trips, and with him was City Attorney, Gerald P. Morgan, who comes in for our thanks, and your thanks for his services. The new Councilman to join the names above, is Elmer C. Feagan, a pioneer, who will lend his voice of experience for getting and keeping an ample water supply for Hamlin. Nobody can ever know how much these men's work will mean for Hamlin if the great dam on Dry Calli proves what we all think it will, for the government, have the immediate supervision.

The State Board of Water Engineers, notice of hearing shows that this "CALLIE" Lake will have the following dimensions: 'The dam having a wetted and rolled earth center, will have a height of 28 feet, length of 6,000 feet, width at bottom 150 feet, top width 20 feet and width of the lake average 4,200 feet, length of empounded water 4,150 feet, a capacity of 1,900 acre-feet."

"Callie" Lake should be finished by January 1940. Hamlin should be getting water from "Callie" Lake by May, 1940.



Moore Lake—Served Long and Alone

Filled May 16th to the Overflowing Point

WATER SUPT.

The man responsible for getting water into your house, your office, your yard and everywhere needed in Hamlin, is none other than W. G. (Bill) Rountree, Water Superintendent for this city.

Bill has been serving Hamlin in this capacity since April 2, 1925, when the former Superintendent, O. M. Smith resigned and accepted a position at Paducah, Texas.



W. G. (Bill) ROUNTREE
Hamlin's Water Superintendent

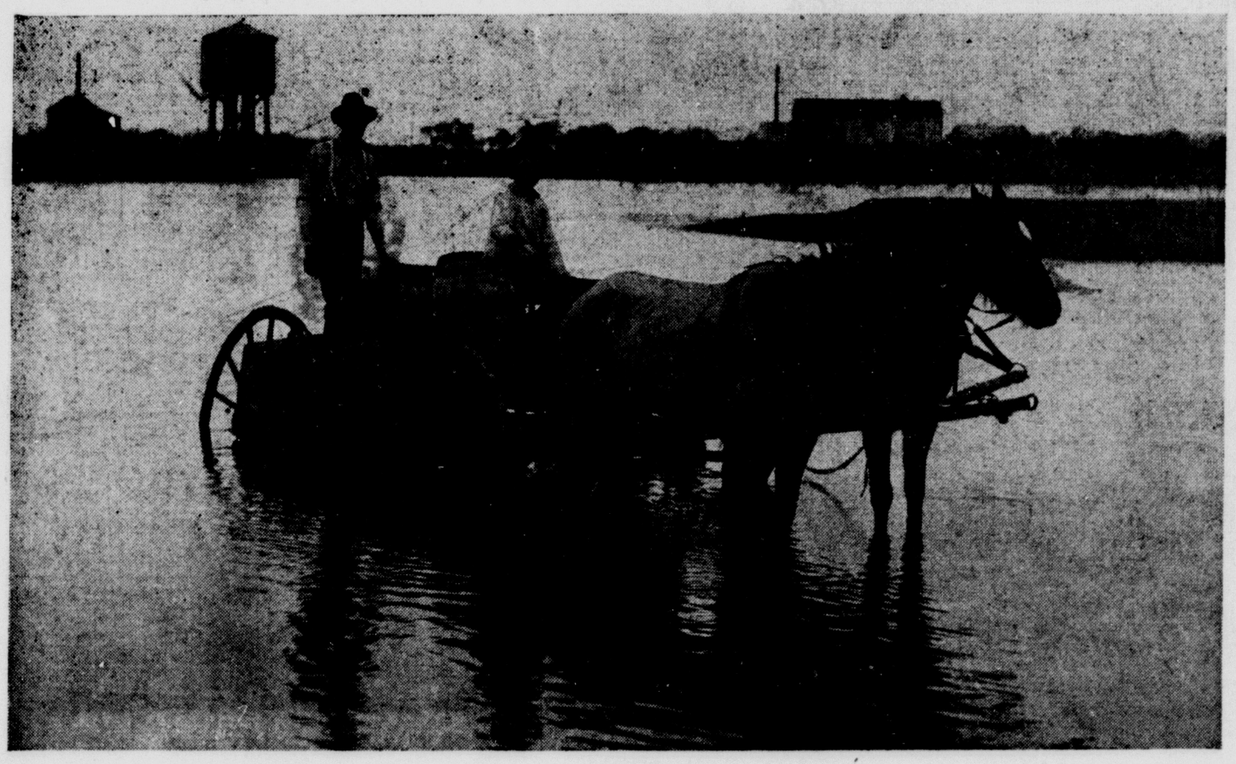
After reading a sketch of a man's life, one should feel more interested in him when he is rendering service to your home, and taking responsibilities that must be borne by some one.

Mr. Rountree was born in Milan County, Texas, October 23, 1901. His parents moved to Colorado City Texas when he was about seven years of age, and to Hamlin in 1916. He attended the Hamlin schools, and during part of the World War was employed in the army camps at Wichita Falls. He helped construct much of the present lines of the Utilities Company and worked at other jobs, till he became Water Superintendent in 1925.

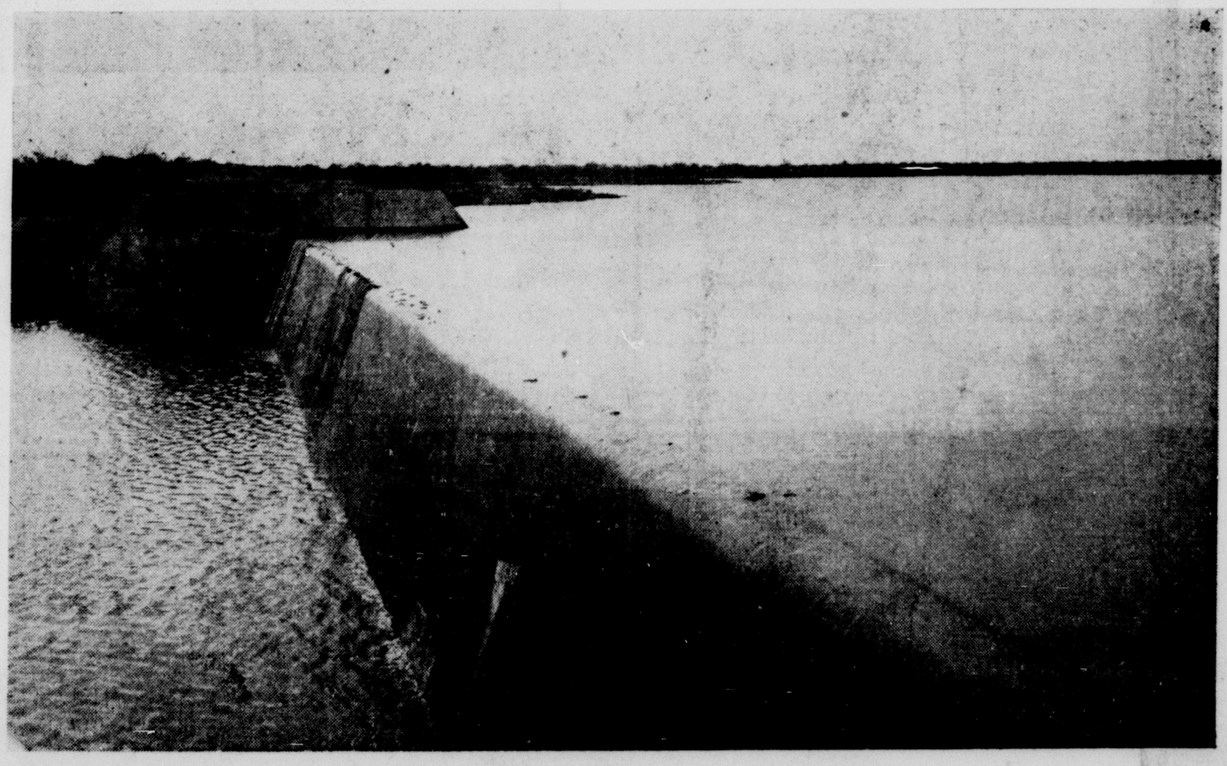
On August 29, 1925, he was married to Miss Julia Carlton, a member of a prominent pioneer Jones County family. They have one child, little Miss Billie Faye, age 12, a student in the Grammar School.

During the time Bill has looked after the water in Hamlin he has given much study to that question, taking courses several times in A.

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How Hamlin First Got Its Water—"Orient Lake"



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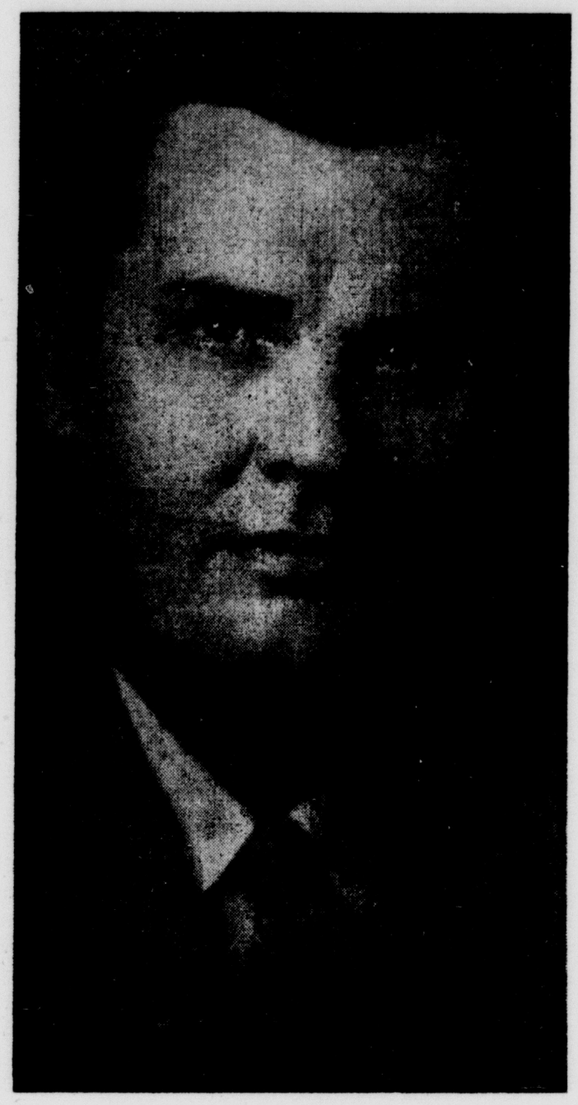
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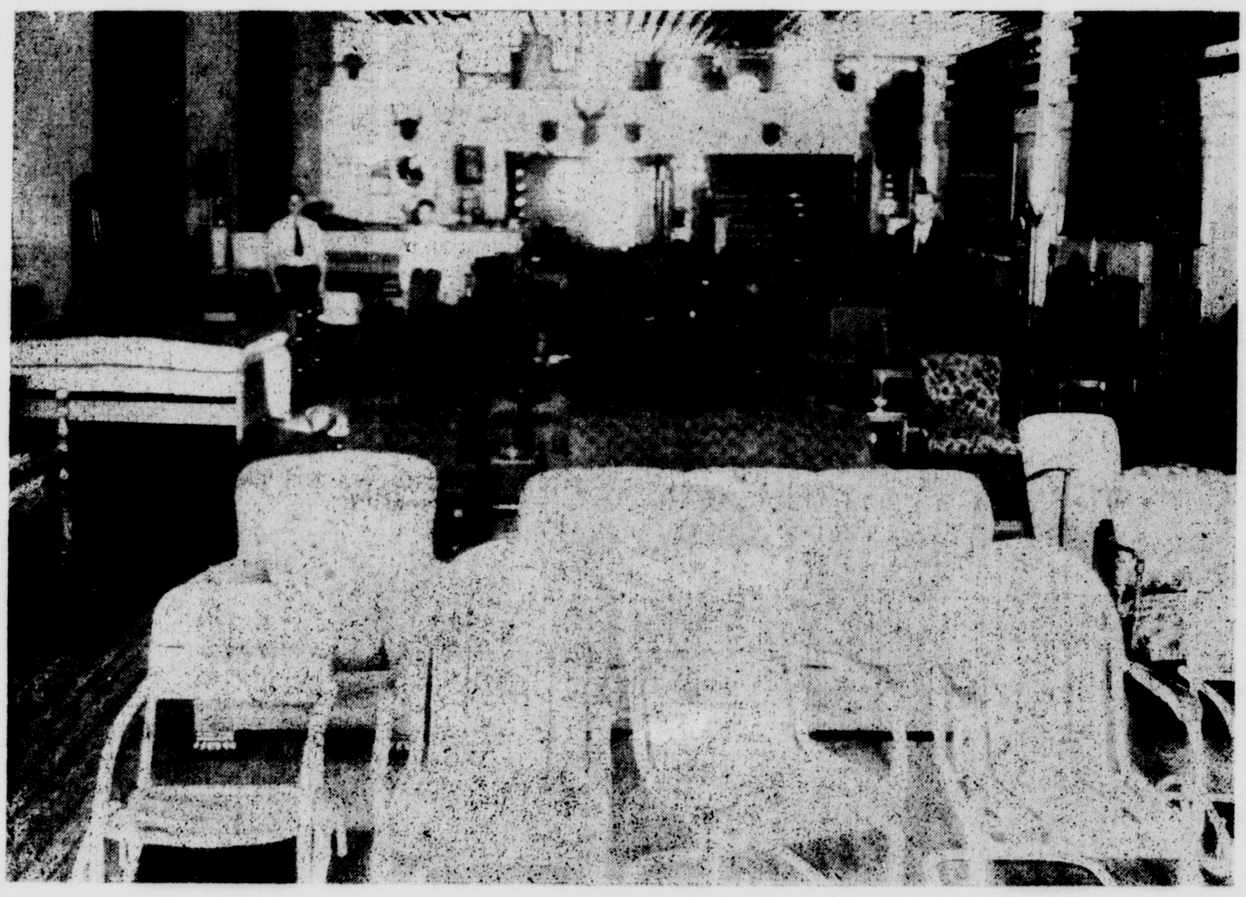
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Hamlin Baptist Church Was Organized 33 Years Ago

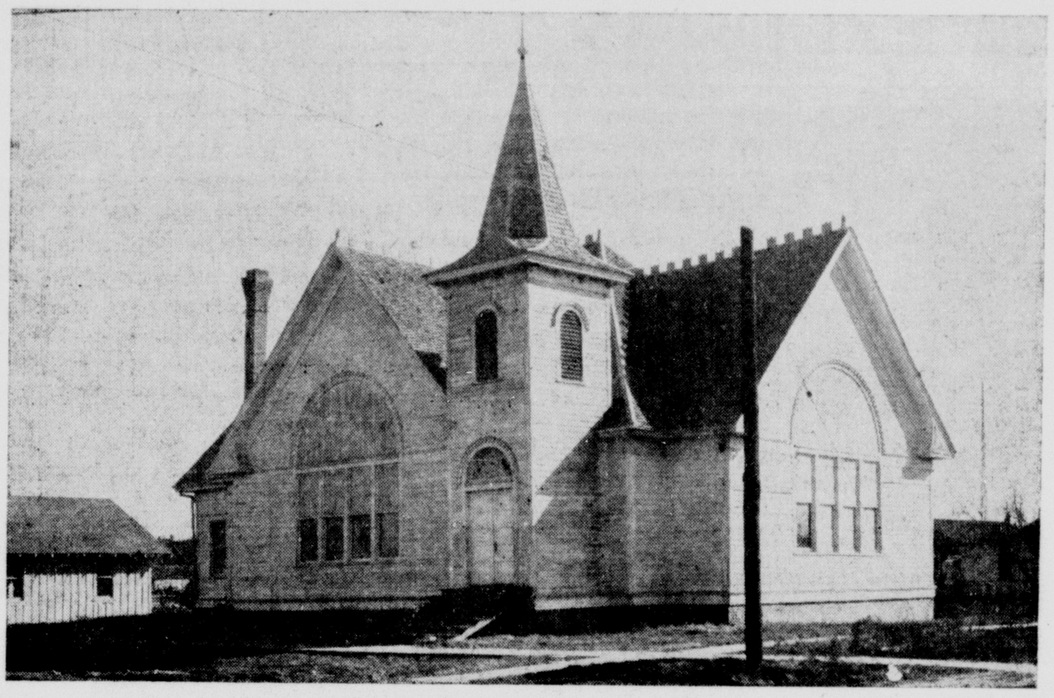
In writing up the history of the First Baptist Church of Hamlin, we find it is about the hardest projects this Special Herald has undertaken, however by the untiring help of the present pastor, Rev. J. Henry Littleton, we give the facts and events as near correctly as we could obtain.

The only known charter member still holding membership in the church is Mr A. G. Arnett, who is living with his daughter, Mrs. Witt in Springfield, Missouri. If he were in Hamlin this May 1939 many more details could be given.

It is fairly well confirmed that the Baptist Church was organized in the old Masonic Hall, which was over the frame and iron building just across the street from the Herald office, and which was torn down the past year to be replaced by a new service station.



REV. J. HENRY LITTLETON, Pastor



THE WAY THE FIRST CHURCH LOCKED



The New Home Of The First Baptist Church

Rev. Littleton gets the following data from the records: February 28, 1906; C. A. Mangrum, the Stonewall Associational Missionary, led the congregation in organization.

The following were listed as Charter Members: A. G. Arnett, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts, D. C. Barclay, J. A. Hickey and Mrs. O. B. Harris. A. G. Arnett was chosen the first church clerk and from time to time, for many years he kept the records. Rev Mangrum was called as pastor but only served one month.

The record continues and shows that Rev. Funderburk was called and served but five months. The next pastor was Rev. B. S. Sullivan and he served one year and by that time there were about 80 members, and the church went into a building program.

Below is a reproduction of the First Baptist Church building in Hamlin. This was a first class edifice in its day, and continued to serve the Hamlin Baptist for about twenty years.

From 1907 till 1910, Rev. J. W. Saffold and Rev. J. T. Nicholson were the pastors. They were followed by Rev. W. P. Maroney, who served only ten months, then Rev. Saffold was recalled and became a "half-time" pastor and continued till June 1912.

Rev. L. B. Owen, served Hamlin Baptist as pastor from 1912 to 1915. His work is mentioned quite frequently in the Heralds of those years, and he was Ye Editor's first pastor. Following Rev. Owen, Rev. J. B. Henderson became the pastor and worked with the church till July 1, 1918.

Well do we all know what happened in those dry years. Hamlin and Rotan banded together to keep a pastor, for it was a "squally time." Hamlin had no pastor and Rotan had one, Rev. J. M. Parker and could not find enough pay to keep him, so he graciously gave two Sundays to Rotan and two to Hamlin, and started his work on September 8, 1918. He boosted Hamlin Baptist till the next May 1919 (by then you remember, it had started to rain again and things went to booming.)

From May 1919, till July 1, 1924, Hamlin was fortunate in having the services of the beloved and able pastor, Rev. Hill Edmonds. He was followed after this long service by Rev. A. W. Reaves, a man of extraordinary vim and push. He could see better things for Hamlin and tried to prepare the congregation for a great building program.

But after eleven months another church called Reaves from Hamlin and the church was left without a pastor.

By August 15, Rev. J. Henry Littleton had been called and started his work, which has proven so happy and successful for nearly 14 years. Hamlin Baptist were ready for bigger things by that time and they had in Rev. Littleton a big hearted progressive man to lead the program.

On September 1, 1925, the church had a membership of 307.

During these nearly 14 years of the present pastor's service, the church has received 274 members by baptism, 659 by letter, giving a total of 933. The present net membership is 506. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 370 with an average attendance of 250. The Sunday School ranks almost a full Standard grade. The church has a full graded W. M. U. that is doing a splendid work.

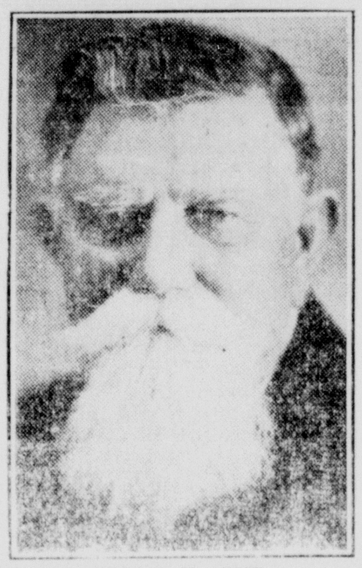
In 1928 the church voted to go into a building program and the present building is the result of their labors. The present building has a main auditorium that will seat some 700 people. We have six departmental auditoriums, thirty-four class rooms, also the pastor's study and a well-equipped kitchen.

In 1930 the church sold their old parsonage and erected a new parsonage close by the church at a cost of approximately $7,000.00. This is a splendid six-room, besides bath and breakfast-room, brick home; also it has a good two-room servant's house in the back. The present valuation of our church property would conservatively be $50,000.00.

So much of the past twenty-five years of the work of the Hamlin Baptist Church has been led by Rev. Littleton that almost every congregation, every man, woman and child in this community has felt his spirit. He has been very untiring and so unselfish that no person has ever called on him, who had a worthy cause, but that Rev. Littleton did not render some form of aid and comfort. Not only do the Baptist people appreciate his work in this community but all denominations races and creeds.

J. Henry Littleton was born May 26, 1889 in Eastland County, Texas, about five miles northeast of the city of Eastland. He grew up on the farm with a family of three brothers and three sisters, father and mother. He was converted when he was eighteen years old and joined the Baptist Church a year later. He was licensed to preach in May 1910. From September 1910 until June 1911, he attended Simmons College. July 1911 he was called to two-fourth time pastorates, Huffstuttle, in Stephens County and Snalum Church, in Shackelford County. In August 1912 he was called to Crystal Falls for one-half time. He was married to Miss Fannie Lee Lewellen September 4, 1912, and moved to Crystal Falls where he served this church for four years. The first two for half-time, the last two years full-time. He was Missionary of Stephens County Baptist Association from September 1916 to September 1917, when he resigned his work and moved to Abilene to enter Simmons College. While in school he was pastor of New Hope Church in Eastland County for one year and New Hope Church n Stephens County for two years, Scranton church in Callahan for two years, these being fourth and half-time churches. He became pastor of Clyde Church in 1920 and served this church until 1924. Having finished Simmons in 1923 and living on the field at Clyde for one year. He became pastor at Cross Plains in Sept. 1924 and was there until August 1925, moving from there to Hamlin. While in Cross Plains, he led in building a church building at the cost of about $10,000.00. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Hendricks Memorial Hospital and a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He served as president of Leuders Baptist Encampment for three years, and for a number of years has been Business Manager. When he assumed his duties as Business Manager the Encampmtnt owed nearly $10,000.00. This last year he saw his dream come true when this debt was paid in full. He does not belong to any organization except the Baptist Church.

WTCC PRESIDENT



E. K. FAWCETT

E. K. Fawcett of Del Rio, new president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, is a typical pioneer of West Texas.

For many years, he has been one of the largest sheep ranch operators in Texas.

Mr. Fawcett has represented Del Rio and Val Verde county on the board of directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for more than a decade. He was elected second vice-president of the regional organization in 1937 and was named first vice-president in 1938. He was elevated to the presidency at this year's WTCC convention which closed in Abilene, Wednesday, May 17th.

Although he has passed the age when many men retire Mr. Fawcett is still active and hearty. Through all the years he has maintained an active interest in the welfare, not only of his home city and county, but of all West Texas as well.

He first arrived in Val Verde county on July 24, 1883, coming from Yorktown, Texas. In company with a group of other young men he drove a flock of 3,000 sheep into Val Verde county and settled on Devilan Creek, about 60 miles northwest of Del Rio. The party lived in a cave until a house could be built of sycamore logs.

Mr. Fawcett has prospered through the years and now owns 52 sections of land, well improved and stocked with sheep and goats. He also has a home in Del Rio where he spends most of his time. He and Mrs. Fawcett have six children, Horace, Elmer, Walter, Lee, Mrs. O. D. Finegan and Mrs. F. C. Whitehead, all of Val Verde county.

Now president emeritus of the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Fawcett was active president of that organization for six years. One of his hobbies is city parks and many beautification projects in Del Rio parks have been carried out under his direction.

Another one of his keenest interests is the Boy Scouts. He is president of the Southwest Texas Council of Boy Scouts and has been awarded the Beaver Badge, highest honor that can be given a layman in Boy Scout work. The Council's beautiful camp near Barksdale on the Nueces river was named "Camp Fawcett" in his honor.

He is chairman of the board of directors of Del Rio wool and mohair Co., and is past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. Mr. Fawcett also has had the distinction of serving as director in two regional Chambers of Commerce at the same time . . . . the West Texas and South Texas organizations. Val Verde county is on the dividisg line of two territories and maintains membership in both Chambers.

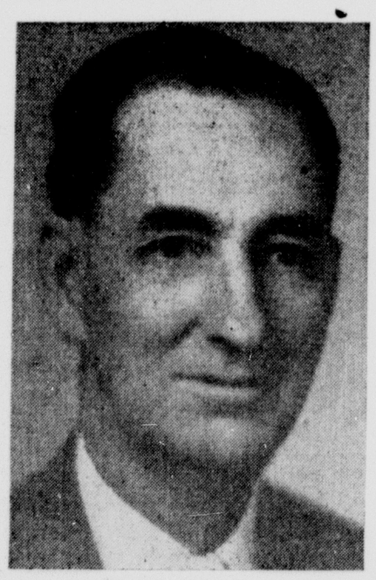
WORK AHEAD —Congress has cleared up minor legislation and is now ready to start on the major part of the most important legislation. Amendments to the Social Security Act, Neutrality Act, and the Labor Relations Act will be submitted to Congress by the committees along with other important proposals..

H. O. Cassle Is One of Hamlin's Pioneer Farmers, Grocerymen, Insurance Man

Maybe the first bill of groceries Ye Editor ever bought in Hamlin was from H. O. Cassle, back just about 25 years ago. Then he was one of the leading grocerymen in Hamlin and had been for some time, and continued till a fire destroyed his place of business in 1917. That was when rain refused to fall for three years and nearly everything in Hamlin tried to burn up.

Now about the groceries. At that time there was a prominent insurance man in Hamlin, by the name of O. A. Bowen. Mr. Cassle's delivery boy saw the name Bowen on the slip and hiked out to O. A. Bowens home with the Editors groceries. The bill included a young fryer and all that morning, we thought of what we would have for dinner, but when we reached home, at noon, low and behold H. O. Cassle's delivery boy had never been to our house, and of course the "cook" just knew we had forgotten to send up something to eat. That poor chicken and the vegetables lay out on the back step of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bowen's house all morning and a part of the afternoon before Cassle's boy (not Arlie) could decide where he had left it. Well, so much for that 25 years ago. Just as quickly as possible OUR house got a telephone, you bet.

What do you know about H. O. Cassle, anyway. His career is not so long, but very interesting. Down in Hood County, at Lapan on Dec. 8, 1878, H. O. started to grow up to his present more than six feet in height. His parents lived there till H. O. (lets call him Henry) was 10 years of age. Then Mr. Cassle says he does not know where they stopped, the section was called "Greer County," but to this day he does not know whether they stopped in Texas or in what is now Oklahoma. Anyway, they stood the uncertainty for two years and moved to Bluff Dale in Erath County, Texas. Then he was about 18 or 19, and attended school at Bluff Dale. Henry says himself, he does not think he learned much, for he had his mind on one certain school girl by the name of Oma Davis, and to settle that question they were married on September 6, 1898. After one year, Henry decided he wanted to be a cowboy, and with the bride they made their home on the great "C" Ranch, in West Texas right on the edge of New Mexico. Their nearest town was



H. O. CASSLE

Midland, 40 miles away. It was 12 miles to a neighbor, and they almost became savages, in the wilds without churches or schools. No communications except mail and the post office was only 40 miles away. Their transportaton was horse-back, and Mr. Cassle says, "would you believe it," many a time, I had to twist the ears of the horse to make him stand still long enough for Mrs. Cassle to get on." Think of Mrs. Cassle riding a horse, a mustang at that!

So no wonder they became tired of cowboy life, H. O. says it was not what it was cracked up to be. So the young couple moved back to civilization. To Stephenville for a year and then to Eastland, where the young, tall handsome man, ran a store and a gin at Pioneer for two years. Then they tried merchandising in Coleman County, at Glen Cove for a year.

The Cassles had been hearing of a new town by the name of Hamlin, and early in 1907 the young family moved to this community. The first year, Mr. Cassle was in ill health and had to spend 32 days in a Ft Worth hospital. Their home was on what is now the Bud Ferguson place, just south of town. Mr. Cassle stuck the first plow in the mesquite ranch lands where now there is a loamy, easy-going farm. Of course the plow was a walking one, to be sure it was, and what of it? This place was home for two years.

Mr. Cassle started his work in a store in Hamlin as a grocery clerk in the Pool Whittington general store. In 1913 he entered the grocery business of his own, and continued till his burn-out in 1917. After that he entered the insurance business and real esteate, which has been built up to prominence.

Mr. and Mrs. Cassle have four children: Mrs. Harry Pitzer, of Chickasha, Oklahoma; Mrs. Duffield Smith of Dallas; W. Arlie Cassle, associated with his father in business, in Hamlin and H. O. Jr., a senior student in Baylor University.

One of the most remarkable records for any man, is Mr. Cassle's in the Baptist Church. First he was baptised in the old Orient Lake in the edge of town. He has served 23 years as Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He has served 25 years as Department Superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sunday School. One of the most effective things anybody can observe on Sunday mornings, is Mr. Cassle's attention to his Juniors. Mr. Cassle has certainly 'carried on" as a citizen. He has served on many occasions as school board member and president of the board. He has served the city so many years on the Council till nobody but the records can tell for certain the exact time of service. He is a charter member of the Hamlin Rotary Club and is president of the club for the coming year. He has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce.



W. ARLIE CASSLE

A man who has been kept in the civic harness as long as H. O. Cassle has but little or no time for play.

Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill Has Made Progress Under Manager, J. E. Moody

Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill easily anks as one of this communities most important commercial institu ions The Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill s numbered with the first business oncerns in this community, and i was the far-sightedness of the foun ers and owners that caused them t elect this point for one of thei best mills.

The Morgan Jones Interests owne this mill, till in 1920 when it wa purchased by the present owners, J W. Simmons of Dallas; R. M Sim mons of Sweetwater and R. K. Woot ten of Chickasha, Oklahoma.

The last named owner, R. K Wootten who passed away three years ago, was a pioneer in the cot on oil mill business in Western Oklahoma and was recognized throughout the South in his profes sion.

R. M Simmons of Sweetwater and J. W. Simmons of Dallas came to West Texas in the early days when there were but few cotton oil mills and most of them run down. They staked their all in the future of West Texas and have faught their way through difficulties to develop one of the best and most modern systems of oil mills in the entire South lo cated in West Texas and New Mexico. These men are proud of their property in Hamlin and other West Texas-New Mexico towns, and that they have had a part in the development of all this territory.

The Herald has observed the progress of the Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill TWENTY-FIVE years out of the mill's thirty years or more in Hamlin and we hvae never observed a more efficient Manager than Mr. J E. Moody, who has been at the fore front of the mills successful undertakings for the past FOURTEEN YEARS

The Herald claims to be a good judge of citizenship and we do not hesitate in publishing that James E Moody from the very start proved that he came to Hamlin not only to make the oil mill business a success but to make this town and community a citizen who wants to carry on his share of all worthy undertakings. One very prominent feature of Mr. Moody's make up is that he is rather modest. He prefers to stand proudly aside and let others have the lime-light. So he impressed the Herald that while he has been in Hamlin full 14 years working for the Oil Mill, he has had some mighty good fellows laboring with him. To-day Mr. Moody is assisted by such loyal fellows as N. M. Armstrong, Superintendent, who has spent most of his life in the oil milling business, and he is certainly a competent man Then there is Frank Tucker, night Supt. and mechanic, who is valuable to the mill's success. Next we mention Jay Fitzgerald, cashier, who is the newest member of the personnel, and a very efficient and promising young man, last but not least, Mr. Moody has about 45 other faithful employees who help the wheels go around.

Mr. Moody is very proud of the many valuable improvements his mill has made the past several years. Much modern machinery has been installed from time to time.

In a normal year the Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill expends about $300,000.00 for supplies and raw materials. Most of this money is spent locally This means lots of money brought in from the outside and turned into local channels of use in the Hamlin territory.

The Hamlin Oil Mill organization, through their manager, J. E. Moody has always encouraged better livestock, better poultry, better seed and better quality in every way, and has been the leader in Hamlin in cooperating with County Agents, Vocational Agricultural Classes, and Civic Clubs to better promote a modern and progressive community.

The Company has aided in a financial way, and encouraged better churches and better schools in Hamlin and vicinity, knowing well that these factors in any community mean the real foundation for the present and the future of Hamlin.

The Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill has for more than thirty years, been the splendid medium between the farmer and livestock raisers to convert the farm products into feeds at the least cost and little freight.

THE MILL IS A MODEL OF NEATNESS

The Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill is one of the neatest milling plants in the state. It is visited by many inspectors each year and one inspector for an insurance company, out of New York, makes a detailed inspection every two months and for the last three years has given the plant a report of a perfect record on neatness, cleanliness and fire-fighting equipment. Mr. Moody gives much of this credit to his fellow workers, who all believe an oil mill plant can be kept clean and they all strive to make that record.



J. E. MOODY

At present this plant has under construction a modern brick store room and mixed feed building and when this is completed the Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill will be as complete and modern as can be found anywhere. Why shouldn't a manager feel proud of this kind of situation?

WHO IS THIS MAN MOODY

The life sketch of every man contains many interesting items. This is true of Mr. Moody. He is a native of Texas, born at Anderson in Grimes County in South Texas. He acquired a good education in the Anderson High School, schools in Navasota and Waco. His first job was in a drug store in Navasota, and later he spent several years in a general mercantile and cotton business in Falls County where he also owned and operated a hardware and furniture store.

Mr. Moody was married to Miss Marie Brewer of Kosse, Texas in 1917 and Waco became their home. Here Mr Moody was a salesman for a prominent paint company till he took a position with the Waco Cotton Oil Mill. From Waco he was transferred to Itasca, Texas with another Swift & Company plant. Mr. and Mrs. Moody have one daughter, Miss Mary Beth who is a graduate of the Hamlin High School and at present a student in S. M. U.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody and Mary Beth moved to Hamlin in 1925, when he became manager of the Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill

As has been stated in this article Mr. Moody proved his citizenship early, because of the interest he took in the welfare of his newly adopted town. He impresses his new friends as a man of calm, quiet, even temper, careful in business affairs. That impression lasts. Soon after coming to Hamlin the Moody family acquired a location for a home in the Lake Drive Addition and today the Moody residence is one of the pretty homes of Hamlin.

Mr. Moody is a member of the First Methodist Church. He was chairman of the finnace committee in the construction of the present brick church edifice. He has twice served as chairman of the Board of Stewards. Mr Moody is a charter member of the Hamlin Rotary Club, and a past president of that club. He is at present, President of the Hamlin Livestock Show. He served several terms on the Hamlin School Board.

Hamlin is fortunate in having an able company, owning such an important plant as the Hamlin Cotton Oil Mill and the company and community is lucky to have such a valuable man as a citizen in their town as James E. Moody.

BILL ROUNTREE

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& M. College, and by reading water journals and other writings on this subject has learned what to do to keep the public water clean and healthful.

Mr. and Mrs. Rountree have a nice home near the Grammar School on 2nd Street. He is a Mason, interested in everything that goes to make a better town. He likes to "tinker" and if he can not tinker at something he had next rather be out on the lake fishing.

It is with keen anticipation that he sees the great "Callie" lake going in. He has visions of a new treating plant, and pump station. He had rather see Hamlin yards and gardens green and lovely with growing stuff, because of good water than anything else.

The infallable receipt for happiness is to do good.—Henry Drummond.

Roy Gilbreath Making Good As Manager For Rockwell Bros. Co.

The best way to make a good citizen out of a new-comer to Hamlin is to give him something to do right away. Elect him to something, give him a job where there is lots of work and no pay.

That is exactly what has happened to Roy Gilbreath, who came to Hamlin in September 1936, as manager of the Rockwell Bros & Company Lumber Yard.

Roy was born in San Saba County one year after Hamlin was started, which makes him younger than this city. Figure his exact age from November 22, 1907 to now. After Roy finished all the lower grade schools and Mercury Hi he went to Ft. Worth and attended a business college. He got a job with Rockwell Bros. & Co. at Brownwood and kept at that job for twelve years. He was made Manager of the Hamlin yard in 1936. Roy was married to Miss Audie Penn, January 1, 1928.

The reason Roy Gilbreath has been put to work so early is because of his ideals of life, and willingness to carry his end of every task. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbreath have two children, Olive Nell, age 8 and Glenda Beth, age 2 years. Mr. Gilbreath is a Baptist. Secretary of the Hamlin Lions Club, member of Hamlin School Board, elected in 1938. Roy is just a young fellow who gives promise of making any community a citizen who will bear responsibilities.



ROY GILBREATH

BILLS ENACTED—The House approved several bills of importance including the bill providing training for civilian air pilots; and the Jones bill providing for a reduction in the limit on maximum soil conservation payments to any one person from the present limitation of $10,000 to $5,000. The Senate passed the three important fiscal bills; The measure authorizing $66,800.00 naval air base program; The measure providing more than $150,000.000 for various purposes, about $120,000,000 of this is for national defense program items; and the third measure was the $175,000,000 Department of Interior Appropriation bill.

The doors of Opportunity are marked "Push" and "Pull."



A Lot Has Happened These Past 25 Years

Since Bowen Pope first started publishing the Hamlin Herald twenty-five years ago, we've seen revolutionary changes in National governments; we've witnessed the development of the automobile, airplane, the radio; we've been given new leisure hours by the development of time-freeing home appliances. And notable among these changes and developments is the modern gas range—the cooking appliance that is today providing thousands of women an escape from the daily grind of meal preparation. Its automatic controls handle many cooking jobs while the housewife is out of the kitchen. Its accurate control of heat makes possible new method of health-cooking with little water. Its efficiency and oven insulation makes better cooking cost less . Its beauty adds much to the appearance of any kitchen. Why not see this revolutionary development in cooking and go modern with a new gas range for easier, better, cheaper cooking?

To Bowen Pope, we wish continued success and growth of the Hamlin Herald.

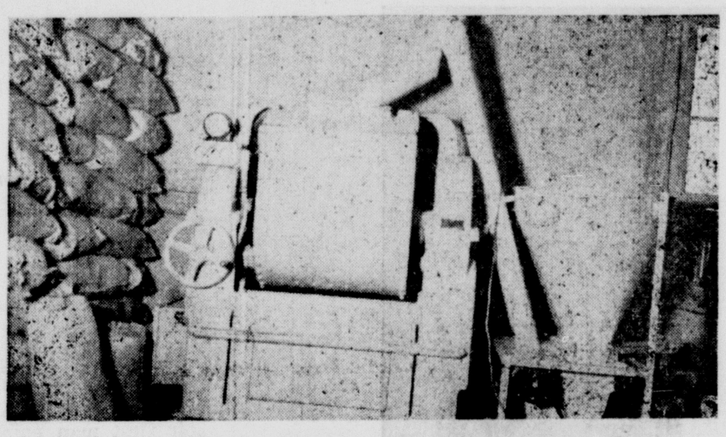
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Community Natural Gas Co.

The Picture and Word-Story of a Loaf of Bread

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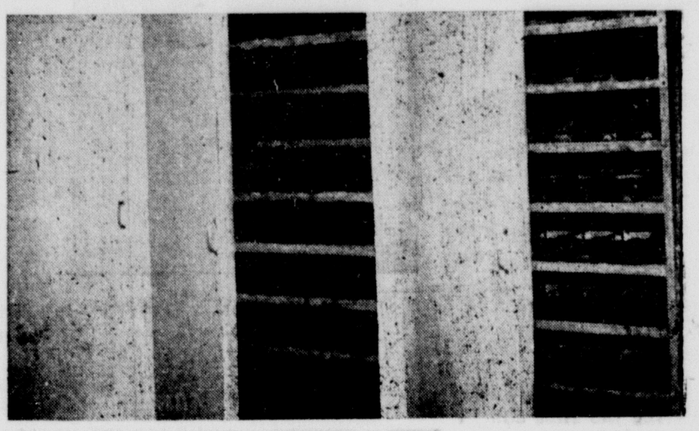
Eddie Jay's Hamlin Bakery



OUR MODERN HIGH-SPEED MIXER and SIFTING UNIT—Begins the Process of Making a Loaf of "EDDIE'S BREAD." The Principal Ingredient—Texas' best flour. Manufactured by MORTON MILLING Co.,—Dallas Texas and Wilson's Finest LAUREL LEAF LARD.

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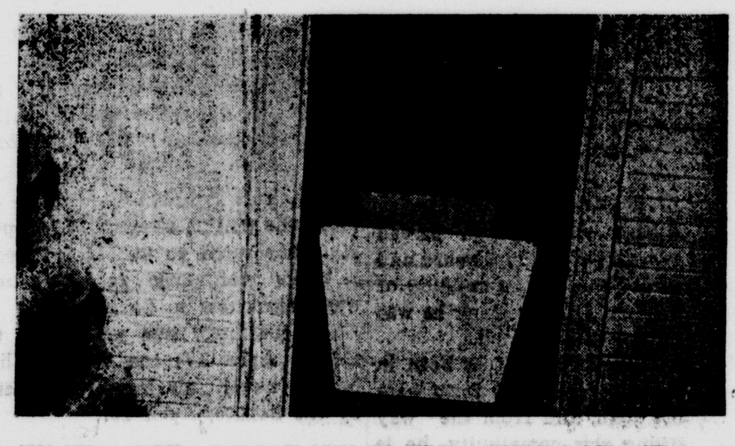
Mr. Pope and Mrs Pope on your service and contribution to the upbuilding of Hamlin.



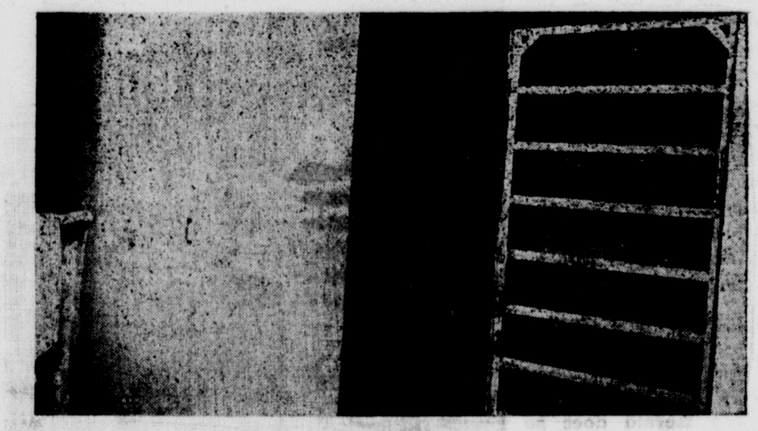
THE STEAM ROOM—"Proofs" the loaves from a small piece to almost afull sized loaf.



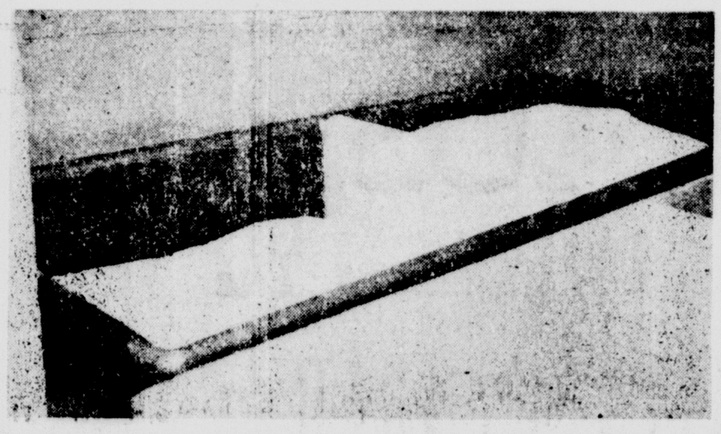
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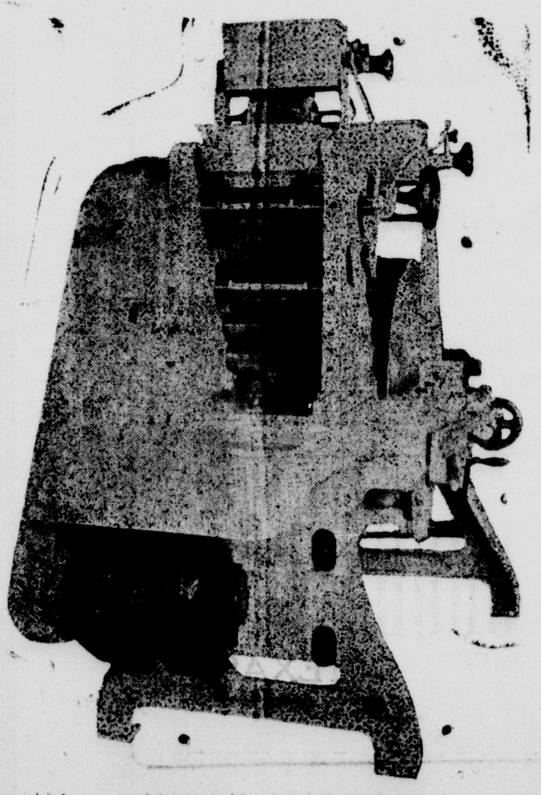
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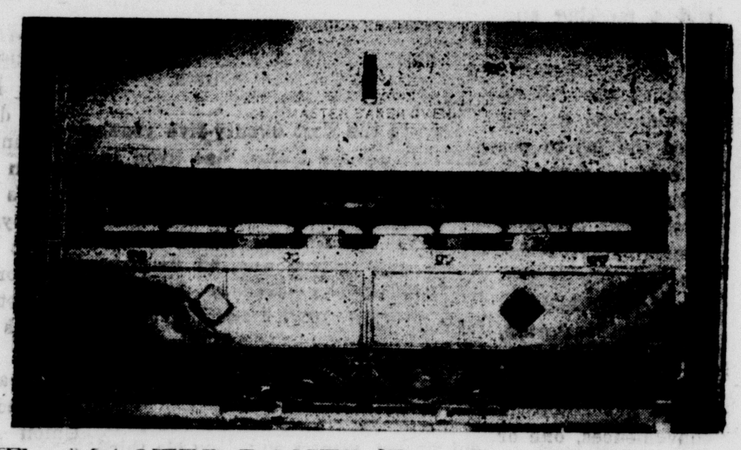
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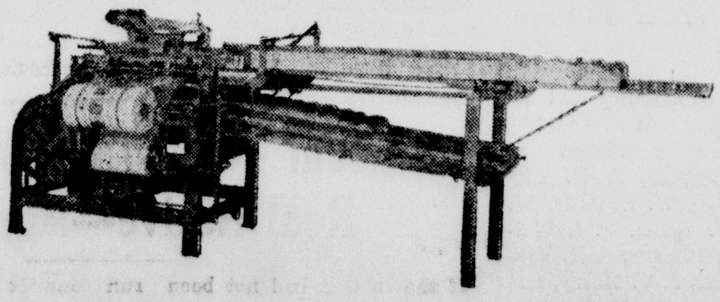
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The Methodist Church Building The Pride of a Progressive Congregation

It is difficult to tell just which church building has been privileged to occupy the most favored location in Hamlin. Maybe the members of the First Methodist Church will claim this distinction, while other people will declare that some other church has the best place.

The First Methodist Church of Hamlin does have an extra position, being on Union Avenue, corner of Sixth street, and facing the east, gives it a prominence and a breeze advantage that none other possess.

The present beautiful structure is the culmination of 33 years of struggle. It represents the acme of all the dreams of the Hamlin pioneer Methodist, many of whom have answered to the roll call up yonder. This substantial structure today is a monument to that devotion that existed in the hearts of hundreds who have passed this way.

It was the aim and hope of the Herald to reproduce the first church edifice this congregation built and used many years, before the present lovely brick, with its many rooms, was built, but we failed to get this picture. The history of the early church is given us by one of the pioneer Methodist women, Mrs. W. J. Brians, whose late husband was so interested and devoted to all christian endeavor in this city. He became very anxious about Hamlin people building larger and better places in which to worship, and finally, he lived to see three of the present churches erected, the Methodist, the Baptist and the Church of Christ.



REV. H. W. HANKS, Pastor

Mrs. J. H. Feagan, Mrs. J. V. Millsap, Mrs. C. W. James, Mrs. W. J. Brians, Mrs. F. I. Walkers, and lots of others (wish we could list all of them.)

SOME INTERESTING HISTORY

In quoting Mrs. Brians in giving you the history of the Hamlin Methodist Church, the Herald does so first because she was one of the charter members; second because she and her husband lived so near by the church, and were constant attendants.

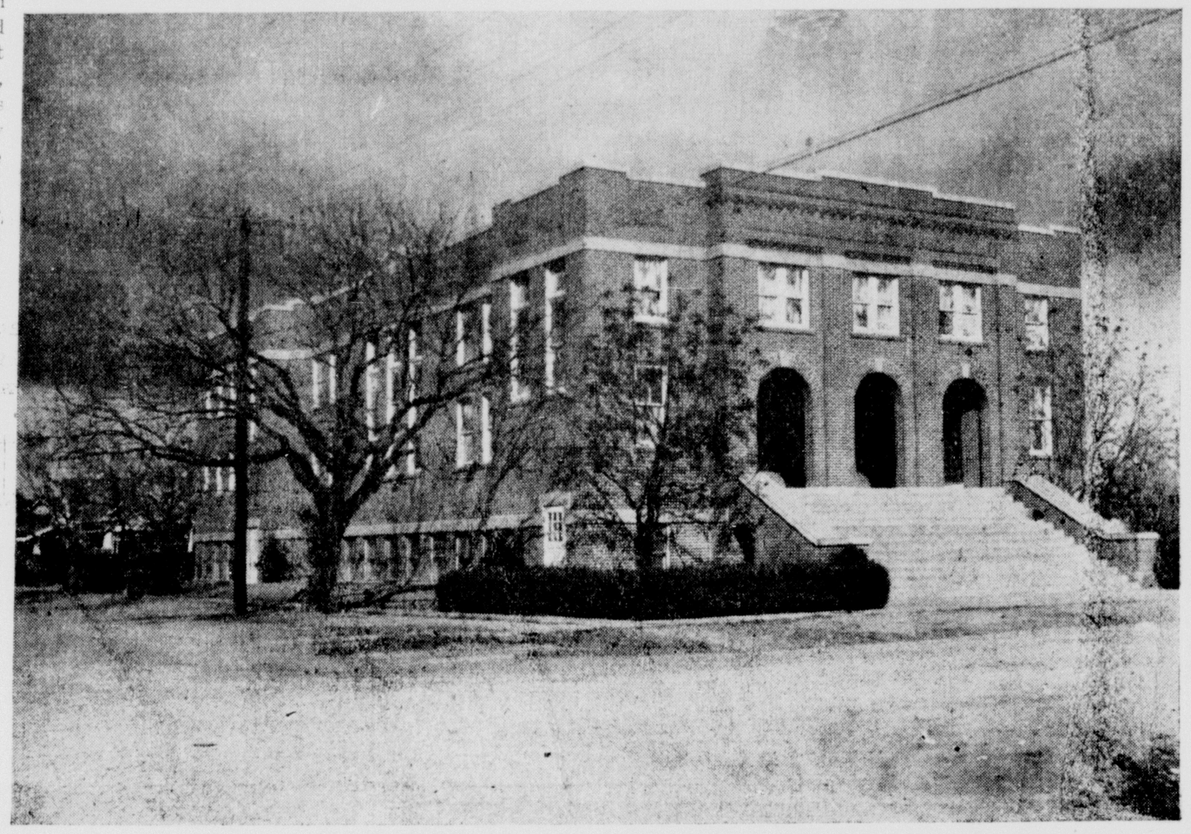
The W. J. Brians family located in Hamlin on January 6, 1906, and at that time Hamlin might have been classed as a mushroom oil town, without the oil. There were no churches and no school. The block where the old rock city jail-hall, and the Commisisoner's Precincit No. 1 road material is located, was the residntial place of the Brians, and their nearest neighbors were the Veazy family.

The report is that the Orient had built as far as McCaulley when the Brians arriver in Hamlin and that by March of that year, 1906, the railroad was in Hamlin.

A new community in America always has a few Methodists in it. So it was with Hamlin. And the Hamlin Methodists in the early days had no regular place for worship, but would gather at the various homes for singings. As usual there was always a faithful minister not far away who sympathizes and that was the case for Hamlin. Over at Anson the pastor's name was Z. T. Pirtle. Rev. Pirtle came over to Hamlin in August 1906 and had the "boys" to build an Arbor out of mesquite bushes, burlap sacks, etc. In this affair he held a meeting and closed it by organizing the Hamlin Methodist Church.

In the conference of the fall of 1906, the first pastor, Rev. C. H. Ledger, was assigned the job to get the folks to build a home for their worship. They secured the present lots, one of which was then occupied by a pioneer residence of the J. W. Ramsey family, who still own property in Hamlin. Rev. Ledger laid the foundation in his year of pastorate, and the next pastor, Rev. C. D. West, finished the building. It was as modern as the age then afforded. It had but few conveniences, one or two small rooms, besides the auditorium, and a back cove for the choir.

In the list of pioneer Methodist families, who put so much of their lives into the service of this church we find some of these good people are still with us these days enjoying the new building and its comforts. Among Methodist were such fine gentlemen as Rev. Sam C. Vaughan, J. M. Terrell, A. D. Hudson, W. K. Hale, W. R. Brown, G. W. James, F. I. Walker, Judge W. J. Brians, J. H. Feagan, J. H. Fletcher, J. V. Milsap, and others, all of whom the Herlad Editor knew even as late as 1914 . . . all have answered to the "Roll Call." Among those of that age, living with us as good citizens of today, may we mention Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Sauls



The New First Methodist Church

Rev. Mayo E. L. Walker was pastor in November 1913 and his first sermon was preached in the Methodist Church. Rev. Walker was followed by Rev. Hall, Rev. Hall by Rev. Ledger, Rev. Ledger by Rev. C. D. West, Rev. West by Rev. Hall, Rev. Hall by Rev. Ledger, Rev. Ledger

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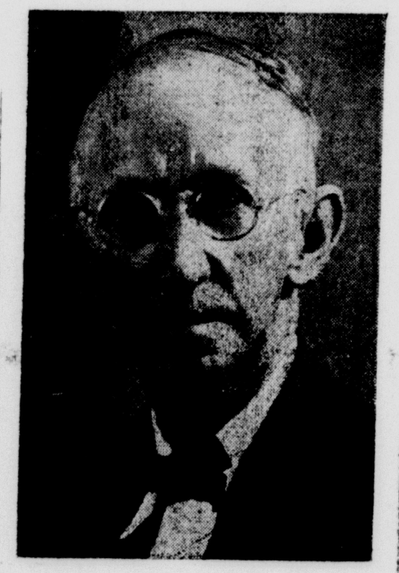
When the Herald family landed in Hamlin 25 years ago, we found another new-comer family here, just a few months ahead of us, from Rotan. It was the Day family, consisting of John T. Day, Mrs. Day, John Ed Day, Misses Elizabeth and Louise Day.

Neighbors for twenty-five years, business dealings, enjoying the good times and fighting together the hard years, has caused a deep friendship, that makes it an especial pleasure to give abrief history of the family and especially their long career in the hardware business and more particularly during their stay in this city.

One of the shyest men about publicity in this community, is John T. Day. He was a bashful young man, they say, and when it comés to telling what he has done and where he has been, how old he is and so on and on, one has to take "roundance" on him and slip up on the "blind side," if we may use such an expression about a wide-awake fellow as John T. Day. Anyway, here are a few points about John T. Day.

He was born in Day, Mississippi, on October 12, 1867. The town or Post Office, Day, was named for either Mr. Day's father or grandfather. When he was 15 years of age, the family moved to DeLeon, Texas, where at about the age of 20 years, John T. began work in a hardware store. Hardware dealings has been his life-long job. He says he has learned and forgotten more than the modern upstart will ever know.

In 1907, Mr. and Mrs. Day moved to Rotan, and a hardware firm was established, known as Day Bros. After about seven years, the Days decided that there was room enough for two good hardware stores in this section, Rotan on the west and Hamlin on the east to serve Fisher, Jones and Stonewall counties. So in January 1914, John T. Day, purchased the Riter Hardware business in Hamlin, and their first store was in what is now the Vaughan Building, occupied partly by the Carmichael Cafe and the adjoining pool hall. Later the firms name was changed



JOHN T. DAY,
Hardware man for 52 years

to John T. Day & Son, Inc.

Going back a few years, in this story, and again in the De Leon community, Mr. Day was married to Miss Eulah Kee, whose beautiful life in Hamlin is so fresh on the minds of all who knew her, in the nearly twenty-five years she lived in this community. She was truly a good woman, and the Herald family can never forget her.

Mr. Day has put the best of his hardware life in this town and community. He has witnessed so many changes in farm equipment, so many unheard of economic set-ups and modernizations, till his former days in De Leon, and even in Rotan seem almost like a dream. During his nearly 72 years, Mr. Day has gained much knowledge by reading, studying and asking questions, digging into things, till today he is perhaps one of the best informed men in Hamlin. He is a student of "words" a lexicographer, and naturally when he sees or hears a word unusual, he wants to immediately dig into its structure or history and know the exact pronunciation and spelling. Mr. Day, and for that matter, all such men and women should be granted a diploma, for actual knowledge, gained by self instruction.

The World War brought on so many changes, and one of them was in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Day's only son, John Ed, who was called to the army in December 1917. John Ed was assigned to the aviation Dept. and he laughingly says, "I fought in the Battle of Long Island." He never got any farther than there, and was returned home in about 15 months. John Ed was brought up among the chains, collars, plows, harness, buggies, "scuter stocks," hoes, and bolts and nails and screws of a hardware store. He says he got a little education in the De Leon schools and at Rotan. He discovered



JOHN ED DAY,
Junior Member

De Leon on November 13, 1894. He was married to Mrs. Winnie Gray, of Hamlin, in 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ed Day have spacious modern apartments in the second story of the big business house, and also have a lovely home on Central Avenue.

Neither John T. Day or his son, have ever been 'jiners," to any extent. Hardware and implements are their hobby.

Later the Senior Day is letting the boys do the work while he enjoys a chat with his friends, or visits with relatives. He loves company and enjoys a good joke. But Mr. Day has such a keen ear and touch for hardware that he can close his eyes and pick out a 4-penny nail, or a certain threaded bolt or screw while a younger fellow is making up his mind where and what it is.

Mr. Day has a beautiful home on Central Avenue, considerable farm interests, and his valuable business property, in Hamlin.

Women Seem to Make Hamlin The Most Successful Hotel Managers

During the accumulation of personal materials, which includes certain dates, and pictures, we found that there was no use in arguing with the women. Dates and pictures have been hard to secure from them.

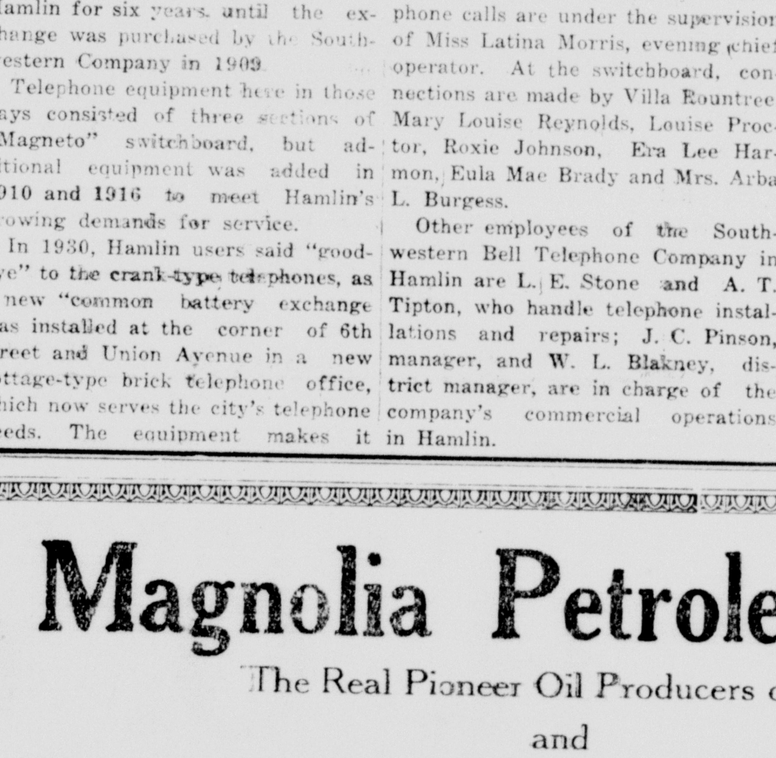
The subject of this article simply would not hear to having her picture in the Herald's Special, however, you will see the beautiful fireproof modern Harden Hotel which is managed and operated by Mrs. D. H. Harden who takes a great pride in this unusually modern place for the traveling public. This hotel would do credit to a town much larger than Hamlin.

The Harden Hotel now has 35 rooms, and the last unit of the structure was finished in 1937. The first part was erected in 1928.

Mrs. Harden is really a pioneer in Hamlin. She came here in 1906, and has seen Hamlin in all of its varying history. She has contributed much to church and club progress in Hamlin. She was president of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society when the corner stone of the present brick church building was laid. Mrs. Harden was a member of the Womans Literary Club for about 10 years and a former president of that club. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Utopian Bridge Club. Mrs. Harden, having reared children in Hamlin, has always taken much interest in the public school affairs. Her children are: Mrs. Inez Williams, who makes her home with her mother, when not traveling for a publishing house . . . . Alford Harden of Hamlin; Mrs. Turner Bynum of Big Spring; Harold Harden of El Paso, and Thad Jr., of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Harden is a business woman and is making her hotel a popular place where the customer has all the comforts of a big city.

Hamlin Has A Modern And Well Operated Telephone System



For 36 years Hamlin residents have been talking to each other, and to all parts of the state and nation, over a network of telephone wires which covers the city and makes their telephone serviceteelhpnoe ue

The first telephone exchange, a crude affair of cumberson switches which connected the first gooseneck, 'turn the crank" telephones, was established here in 1903 by the Orient and Santa Fe Telephone Company. This company served Hamlin for six years until the exchange was purchased by the Southwestern Company in 1909.

Telephone equipment here in those days consisted of three sections of "Magneto" switchboard, but additional equipment was added in 1910 and 1916 to meet Hamlin's growing demands for service.

In 1930, Hamlin users said "goodbye" to the crank-type telephones, as a new "common battery exchange was installed at the corner of 6th street and Union Avenue in a new cottage-type brick telephone office, which now serves the city's telephone needs. The equipment makes it possible to reach the operator by lifting the telephone receiver, as signal lights on the switchboard eliminates the need for turning a crank on the instrument.

In 1931, a steel garage was added to the telephone company property here to house company vehicles.

At present, Hamlin's 270 telephones are connected by a staff of nine operators, with Mrs. Clota M. Tegart, chief operator, in charge. During the evening hours your telephone calls are under the supervision of Miss Latina Morris, evening chief operator. At the switchboard, connections are made by Villa Rountree, Mary Louise Reynolds, Louise Proctor, Roxie Johnson, Era Lee Harmon, Eula Mae Brady and Mrs. Arba L. Burgess.

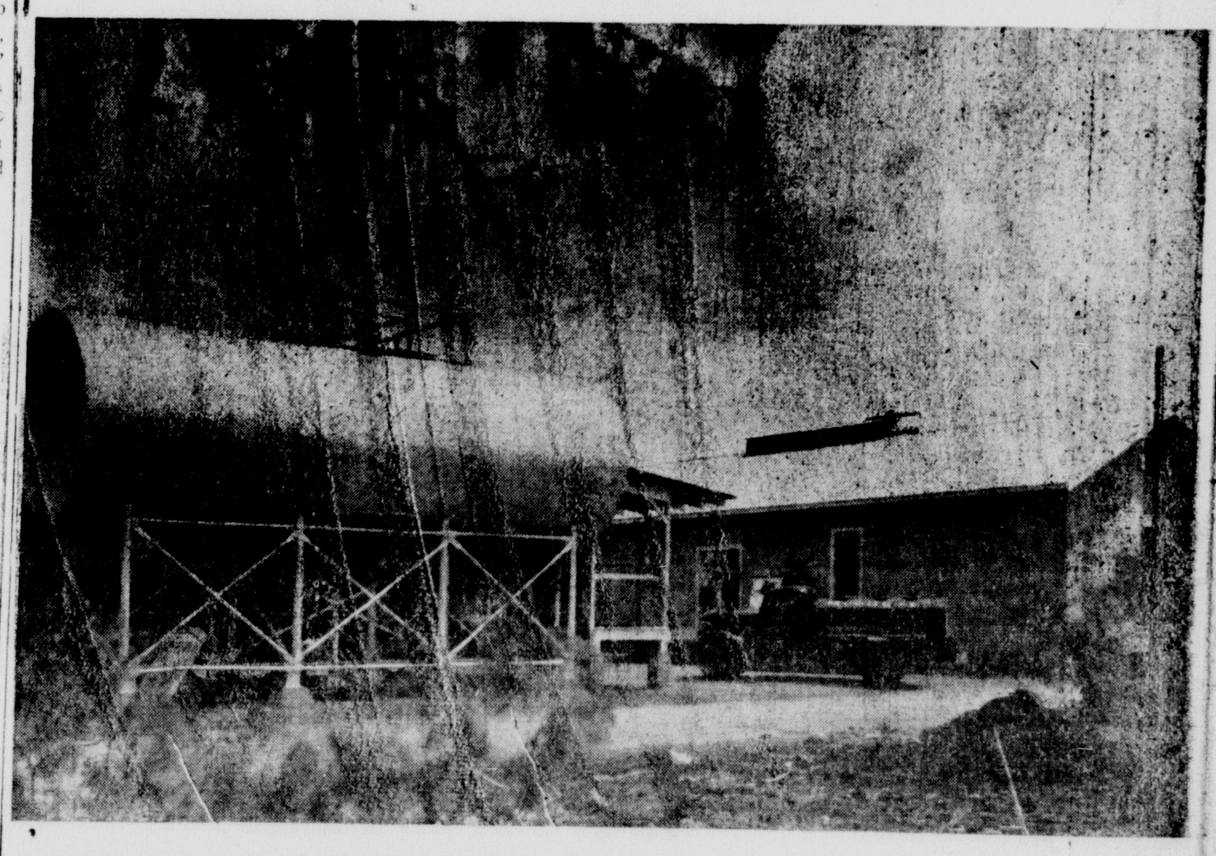
Other employees of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Hamlin are L. E. Stone and A. T. Tipton, who handle telephone installations and repairs; J. C. Pinson, manager, and W. L. Blakney, district manager, are in charge of the company's commercial operations in Hamlin.

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Ira Clements Started Carrying Rural Mail 22 Years Ago

Take December 17, 1905 from May 26, 1939 and you will find just how long Ira Clements has been in Hamlin . . . 33 years, 7 months and 9 days . . . and that means he is a pioneer too. But when this young man reached Hamlin he was quite a young fellow. In fact Ira was but about 10 years of age for he let a few words slip that revealed that he was born in Linden, Texas in 1895.

Ira Clements is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Clements, who for many years made Hamlin their home. Some of Hamlin's best business houses were built by Ira's father, for example, the Inzer two-story structure. Their home was not far from the present Grammar school, and it was at that building that Ira received his common school education. He graduated from the Hamlin High School in 1913.

It is appropriate, here, to tell you that the first home the Editor and family ever lived in, in Hamlin was the B. E. Clements house, which is yet a substantial home on Hope Avenue.

You see time goes fast with a young man, just out of high school. Ere long he is a man taking his place in the affairs of his fellow countrymen. So it was with Ira Clements. After completing his school work in Hamlin he went to the State University for three years. Returning to Hamlin, Ira taught school for two terms, one at Hanna between Hamlin and Anson, and one term at Boyd Chapel. So on December 17, 1917 this young school teacher began his career as a mail carrier, then known as Rt. B.

The World War figured in most young men's lives along about that time, so it came Ira's time to enlist and this took place in June 1918, and as the Armistice was signed on Nov. 11, he was released on February 18, 1919. On reaching home, he again took up where he left off. He carried the mails again till the last day of June 1921, and on July 1, he transferred into the postoffice as a clerk.

Ira never lost his fondness for the rural route service and as time went on he kept thinking how he would like to pull the mud, face the winds, fight the sandstorms, and once more get out with all nature with his Model T. So it was on January 1, 1928 that Ira got a chance to transfer back to the road. He became carrier of the mail on Rt. 4, and this is eleven years since that time.



IRA A. CLEMENTS

But we had better go back a little and pick up one of the most important events of his whole life . . . it happened on October 19, 1921. He was married to one of Hamlin's fine young ladies, Miss Flora Belle Adkins, who is a daughter of the late J. B. Adkins, one of Hamlin's pioneer citizens and grocery merchants, and the daughter of Mrs. J. B. Adkins who is still with us as one of Hamlin's beloved pioneer women.

Ira Clements is a man who looks forward to the better things in life, and after joining with such a capable companion, the next thing was a home, a place of their own. Today, in 1939, we see as pictured below, one of the good brick veneer residences in Hamlin, located on Jackson Avenue.

About this home one can see two of the liveliest little Hamlin boys. Their names are Jimmy Clements, age 13, and Joe Clements, age 9, both sparkling with energy and as manly as any one could wish to see. So there is an inspiration for the carrier of Rt. 4. Besides the two son of Mr. and Mrs. Clements, they are giving a great home to their niece, little Miss Coleta Adkins, a daughter of Mrs. Clements, late brother, Claud Adkins.

Up till recently Ira's nobby was growing roses and a year or so ago he took to turkeys." Fortunately Ira has a small farm east of Hamlin and out there is developing a turkey ranch—that is his farm man is.



THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. IRA CLEMENS

The Herald man has been a near neighbor of this fellow Ira Clements for "low these many years," but we really did not understand what a big, kind, patient heart he carries about till we were on a trip with him one time into Old Mexico. Ira has a lot more patience than most men, and how big his heart is not but a few people will ever know. There is one word he has never learned—"No."

Ira Clements is a student, and it does not take long to find that out for before you know it he will tell you something interesting that he recently learned.

Ira has occupied, and is today occoupying, several places in the affairs of this Hamlin community that makes him stand out as a citizen of unusual worth. He is at present the Worshipful Master of the Hamlin Masonic Lodge; has been Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, for the past six years; a member of the Royal Arch Masons, and a Knights Templar; he is Commander of the Keifer Patterson Post American Legion, and has been for about four years; he is a member of the Hamlin Rotary Club, since 1932, and is a past president of the Club; he is a member of the Baptist Church and has been teacher of the Young Men's Bible Class for the past eight years; he is one of the directors of the local Farm Loan Association; he is a member of the Parent-Teacher Association; a member of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, and his enthusiasm as a member of the Hamlin 84 Club makes playing 84 a close rival to turkey raising as his hobby.

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Introducing Hamlin's New School Executives

The Herald takes this opportunity to introduce Hamlin's newly elected Superintendent of public schools, G. R. Bennett, and the newly elected high school principal, Frank M. Lawlis. Neither of these men is really a stranger to Hamlin people, Mr. Bennett having served as high school principal for the past five years, and Mr. Lawlis having taught in the elementary school the past two years, serving as principal during the last school term.



G. R. BENNETT
SUPERINTENDENT

G. R. Bennett is a native West Texan, filled with the Western spirit of aggressiveness and progress. His birthday comes on September 22, for it was on that day in 1904 that he arrived in our neighbor city, Stamford, Texas.

Mr. Bennett received his early education in the Stamford schools, graduating from the Stamford High School in 1922. He then attended Wayland College, Plainview, and later Baylor University, Waco, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1926. He has done graduate work in Texas Technological College, Lubbock; the University of Texas, Austin; Hardin-Simmons niversity, Abilene; and La Salle Extension University, Chicago.

Mr. Bennett has made teaching his life's work and came to Hamlin highly recommended in that field. Immediately before coming here, he had served the Avoca schools as Superintendent for two and one half years.

A citizen of the highest type, he has proved himself by his interests in church and civic activities. He is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church and is teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the Methodist Sunday School. He is president of the Hamlin Lions Club.

Some of his main interests in life are people, reading, sports of all kinds, particularly tennis.

On May 17, 1930, Mr. Bennett was married to Miss Lola J. McElhaney, of Canyon, Texas, who was teaching in the Elementary School of the White Flat Consolidated schools near Matador, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have one daughter, little Miss Patricia Lee, who has recently celebrated her first birthday.

Also a native West Texan is Mr. Frank M. Lawlis who was born at Sylvester, Texas, March 1, 1910.

He received his education in the McCaulley schools where he was graduated in 1927. Following his graduation, he attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock, and McMurry College, Abilene. He received his Bachelor's degree from McMurry his Bacheor's degree from McMurry College in 1933, and he is now doing graduate work in Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.



FRANK M. LAWLIS
High School Principal

Mr. Lawlis came to Hamlin two years ago with splendid recommendations regarding his six years experience in the teaching profession in the Union and the Antelope schools.

He is a member of the Methodsit Church, a teacher in the Methodist Sunday School, and is an active member of the Hamlin Lions Club.

Mr. Lawlis and Miss Mary Lou Barnes, of Sylvester, were married September 5, 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Lawlis have one daughter, little Miss Nancy Ruth, two years of age.

PROMINENT FAMILY LOCATE IN HAMLIN

Landon V. Davis left Sunday for Sulphur Springs to attend the graduating exercises of the High School. His son, Landon Jr., is a member of the graduating class of 169. His daughter, Anna, is to graduate from Junior High School at the same time, May 26.

Following the close of school, Mr. Davis will move his family to Hamlin; he having been here, himself, since last September. He is a weigher at the Hamlin plant of the Western Compress & Storage Co.

The Davises are native Texans; Mrs. Davis having been born in Ft. Worth, "Where the West Begins," daughter of the late D. B. Kennedy, pioneer Texas newspaper man, and whose brother, Dudley B. Kennedy of Dallas, is a valued friend of this Editor. Mr. Davis was born in East Texas, son of Judge J. H. Cyclone Davis, former Congressman-at-Large; who is almost a Texas Institution. His father's older brother the late C. D. Davis of Anson, was the First District Attorney of this Judicial District; he having been appointed to that post by Governor Coke when the district was organized, a number of years ago.

Mr. Davis is an experienced Compress man and was Foreman at the Slaton Compress several years ago when Mr. R. H. McCurdy, now Superintendent at Hamlin, was Superintendent of the Slaton Plant. He is a World War Veteran, having served as Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the Eighty-Ninth Division; and is a Past Adjutant and Past Commander of Post No. 66, The American Legion, at Sulphur Springs. He was Alternate with Wright Patman, Principal Delegate from the First District of Texas to The National Convention of The Legion in Chicago in 1933.

The Davis family are each members of the Christian Church. Mr. Davis is an Elder of his church, and was serving his second year as Treasurer of the First Christian Church of Sulphur Springs, at the time of his having to come to Hamlin last Fall. Mrs. Davis was appointed Treasurer to succeed her husband, and has continued to serve her church as such until recently, when she resigned, in view of their pending move to Hamlin. They will live in the Lamar Hayes house on Lake Drive.

The Herald welcomes this good family to our "Friendly Hamlin."

Hamlin Schools Close Most Successful Year

This week marks the close of the Hamlin public school term for 1938-39.

GRADUATING EXERCISES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Friday evening, May 19, Graduation Exercises for the seventh grade were held at the Elementary School Auditorium. A delightful program was rendered and 56 boys and girls were presented certificates signifying the completion of seven years Elementary School work.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

Dr. Frank L. Turner, president of McMurry College, Abilene, preached the Baccalaureate Sermon, Sunday evening in the High School Auditorium. His theme was "Thou Art Standing on Holy Ground," and his message was very interesting and inspirational.

Special songs were given by the Schubert Club with Miss Edwina Gilbert director and Mrs. W. C. Russel, pianist.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Monday evening at the High School auditorium commencement Exercises were held. The program included the Salutatory given by Clara Louise Shelburne and Valedictory by Bessie Joiner; both of these awards were based on a four year High School record.

Other numbers were a talk, "Building for Tomorrow," by Warren Adams; a trumpet solo by Billy McGough, accompanied at the piano by Harold Fletcher; a song, "Days of Long Ago," by Eva Louise Fowler, Mildred Barrow, Mary Elizabeth Tindal, Adelaide Jenkins, Marjorie Riddle, Clara Louise Shelburne, Rosemary Carlton, Margaret Clara Alexander and Floy Hudson, with Anita Anderson, accompanist.

The processional, a piano-duo was played by Miss Edwina Gilbert and Maxine Brundage. Diplomas were presented to 63 seniors by Mr. Tom Teague, president of the school board. Presentation of special awards was made by Supt. C. G. Green.

I. L. BOSTIC DIED NEAR TUXEDO

I. L. Bostic, a former rural mail carrier passed away at his home near Tuxedo on Tuesday at 4:30 P. M. Mr. Bostic was 69 years and 10 days of age. He had been in failing health for about a year.

Many of the older citizens of Hamlin and community will remember Mr. Bostic. He carried the mail out of Hamlin from 1911 to 1916, using a horse and buggy, Rt. 1.

Mr. Bostic was born in Alabama, May 13, 1870. He was married to Miss Elsie Amerson in Hale County, Texas in 1899. He is survived by the companion and two sons, Harold and James Bostic of Tuxedo; two brothers, Bud Bostic of Dallas and Charlie Bostic of San Antonio; four sisters, Mrs. Fannie Dean of Anson; Miss Leora Hodge, of Dallas; Mrs. Lelia Adams of Alabama; Mrs. Carrie Martin of Iuko, Miss., and two grandchildren.

Mr. Bostic had been a member of the Methodist church for 52 years.

Funeral services were held at the Tuxedo Methodist Church, Wednesday at 2:30 P. M., conducted by Rev. R. H. G. Albright, of Anson.

Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery in charge of the Kinney Funeral Home of Stamford.

MONETARY POWERS—The House passed the bill extending for two years the dollar devaluation powers of the President and his authority to continue operations of the two-billion-dollar stabilization fund. The measure will now go to the Senate for debate.

NATIONAL DEFENSE—More national defense legislation is slated to be brought up in Congress. Sentiment is growing among some of the Congressmen that we should have another navy. One navy is hardly enough to defend two oceans. In the meantime, the bills including national defense items are being stepped ahead in both Houses of Congress.

Misses Geraldine and Eulavern Rushing of Royston, were here this week to visit Miss Pauine Shelton and to attend the graduating exercises of the Hamlin High School.

Points and Personalities

by doris pope



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Years pass and people forget, so this week Points and Personalities turns through the files of the Herald to get paragraphs that will bring back memories to the pioneers, that will cause some hearty laughs, and that will show in a small way the progress and change in Hamlin from the days of a struggling little prairie village, where people were trying to build homes and keep the finer things of life to the present day of Hamlin, the thriving little city.

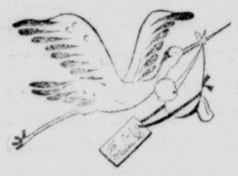
Feb. 20, 1914: Those present at the "Modern Priscilla Sewing Club," were Misses Ruth Morgan, Nadine Wetsell, Flora Bell Adkins, Nina B. Harwell, Mary Woods, La Verne Sauls, Daisy Willis and Lella Thurman.

1914: Hamlin merchants were boosting business by sponsoring Trades Day. The Herald carried a page ad advertising Buggies, Surries, and Wagons.

Oct. 30, 1914: At 5 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27, at the home of Mr. R. F. Wynne of Goree, Texas, a very pretty ring ceremony united Miss Lucibel Wynse and Mr. Elmer Feagan in marriage. Amid the good wishes and congratulations of many friends, the happy bridal pair left for Hamlin, which place they will make their home.

1914: The Colonial Theatre was sold this week to S. B. Young and

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Congratulations

FLASH! In this Special Edition there is a picture of a proud looking young man, Henry Albritton. At the time that type was set his looks did not indicate just why. But now we would assume it is because of a fine daughter, Anna Mary Cecelia, born at the Abilene Hospital, Friday May 19.—Weight 8 pounds. Mother and baby doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Jones are announcing the birth of a daughter Tuesday, May 23, at the Thurman Clinic. The little lady weighs 8 pounds and her name is Lela Maud.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Perkins, a fine boy, Tommie Lee, on May 11, weight 9 pounds.

PUPILS TO BE PRESENTED IN SPEECH RECITAL

Mrs. Heflin Miller will present a group of her pupils in recital on Friday evening, May 26, at 8:00 o' clock at the High School Auditorium.

On Tuesday night, May 30, another group of pupils from Mrs. Millers class will be presested in recital at the High School Auditorium. The program begins at 8:00 o'clock.

The public is invited to attend both these recitals.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Prater will leave Saturday for Galveston to attend the graduation of Mrs. Prater's nephew, David Baker, who is finishing the Medical Course of the University of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Prater wil go by Stephenville where their son Charles is a student in John Tarlton College, and Charles will accompany them on to Galveston.

COMING



EVANGELIST LYLE PRICE
of Denton

Will begin a revival at the Church of Christ on Sunday, June 11, and will continue through Sunday, June 25th.

4-H CLUB SETS NEW HIGH —

Four-H Club enrollment reached a new high in 1938 with 1,286.029 boys and girls listed as members in 74,594 local 4-H clubs. This brings to approximately 7,500,000 the total number of young people who have received 4-H training since the work became nation-wide in 1914. The 4-H's of the club emblem—representing Head, Hands, Heart and Health stand for wholesome, well rounded development of mind and body.

Let a man live now in the light of the knowledge that he is to live forever.—Henry Van Dyke.

Tolerance is the vision that enables us to see things from another's point of view.—Lassen.

The Herald Anywhere 1 Yr. $1.00

SINGING CONVENTION

The Jones County North Side Singing Convention will meet Sunday afternoon at 1:45 in the First Methodist Church.

Among the special singers will be C. B. Ribble, of Caddo. He is one of the best, and he also has a very fine quartet.

Many other good numbers will be on the program.

Appreciation

As this is set into type the Herald is going to press with the FIFTH Section of eight pages each, and we find ourselves dropping behind the schedule of getting the paper in the mails Friday morning. This is unusual, and we regret that you will not get the paper on schedule time. But this was indicated as a possible situation last week.

It takes a long time to gather and set 40 or 44 pages and then go to press for a 33,000 run, to fold and gather the sections for delivery. But during all of this preparation Ye Editors have thoroughly enjoyed every moment . . . . it was our opportunity to express our esteem to our fellow business men.

The Herald Family is deeply appreciative of the surprising response the many business firms have given in our "Celebration" of our "First" Twenty-five Years In Hamlin. We have handled every thing possible without getting extra help from some other town. We know that there are many not represented in this issue who would have been had a little more solicitation been made to them. Again, we find on the last lap many personal write- ups not as full as we wish, but there is a limit to time and human strength.—Please forgive our omissions or weaknesses.

YE EDITORS.

Points and Personalities

by doris pope

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from now on it will be managed by B. S. Ferguson. This places Mr. Ferguson in complete control of the moving picture business.

Nov. 13, 1914: The Fire Department of this city can now feel proud of their big fine fire truck. The truck is a splendid one, thirty-five horse power, strongly built, and can carry ten or twelve firemen, two-thousand feet of hose and the usual amount of ladders. It has solid rubber tires and non-skid. It might be in place to state that Hamlin has the only fire truck in Jones County.

1914: Hamlin just missed a Carnegie Library, but we don't know why or how.

Jan. 22, 1915: A phone was put in at the school.

1915: Hamlin had its Chinese laundry operated by Jim Woo.

March 5, 1915: A separate study hall was provided for the high school, by taking the auditorium for that purpose.

April, 1915, Ad: I am organizing a Bath Club to begin the 20th of April. $1.00 per month for all the hot and cold baths you want. C. F. Murray.

July 2, 1915: To the suprise of their friends of Hamlin, messages arrived here this week stating that Mr. Fred Moore and Miss Jeanette Calhoun were married in Winfield, Kan., the home of the bride, Monday June 27. It was learned that Mr. and Mrs. Moore left immediately for a tour of Colorado.

Nov. 1915: The Literary Club voted to build a club house and a liberal subscription was given.

1915: "A Ford Did It." Bert Nobles, Otto James, Scott and Guss Nobles ran a coyote down in a Ford.

1915: The Opera House advertised shows by reels instead of titles.

Nov. 19, 1915: Promptly at 3:00 o'clock, the seniors marched on the stage and were seated together, each face glowing with enthusiasm and showing they had the high school spirit. The program opened with a speech by Wallace Walton. Wallace certainly proved to the hearers that he will make a great orator.

Jan. 1915: School honor roll: First grade: Mildred Morgan, Henry Albritton, Marie Pope, Travis Conner; Second grade: May Gay; Fourth grade, Arlie Cassle, Dan J. Payne, Merrit Withers; Fifth grade, Karen Harden, Frank Taylor, Coy Magee.

Feb. 11, 1916: Mr. John C. Turner, one of our most prosperous and genteel business men, hied off to the city of Bonham, Saturday night to be married there on Wednesday. Fannin County has long been noted for its many beautiful girls, and the friends of Mr. Turner here feel that he is to be congratulated for winning one of them for his life partner.

March 1916: In an effort to rid Hamlin of rats and destructive rodents, a fund headed by J. J. Waggoner and J. W. Scott is on deposit at the First National Bank. Two and one-half cents will be paid for all rat tails taken from rats in the city limits. The whole tail must be presented. (Wonder where the Pied Piper was?)

Hamlin cotton shipped to Japan. Many run-aways in Hamlin (almost as frequent as car wrecks today.)

Sept. 1, 1916: Misses Elizabeth Day and Ela Brand invited a number of friends to join them in a few rounds at the skating rink and a bunking party at night.

Sept. 29, 1916: Frank Waggoner was elected vice-president of the senior class of 1916-17.

Oct. 1916: Building boom: 1500 feet of side walks and 4 more bricks under construction. And we noticed that the Smith-Williams Overland Co. advertised the world's most powerful low priced car—31 1-2 horse power.

Feb. 10, 1917: Mr. C. C. Prater and Miss Vonita Neely were married at the home of the bride, Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Rev. J. B. Henderson officiating . . . These young people have been the recipients of many congratulations . They will continue to make this place their home, and will live in a residence purchased on Central Avenue.

1917: Joe L. Culbertson played left half--back for the last half of the game Saturday between the 315th Regiment of Engineers and the 19th Infantry of Regulars. The Engineers took the bacon at the rate of 14-0 (Camp Travis News.)

Jan. 11, 1918: The Herald carried the first page Ye Editor ever set. The ad was for the D. J. Payne Dry Goods Co.

Jan. 18, 1918: Bob Low, one of the immediate Hamlin boys to reach France, was heard from Tuesday. It had been over 50 days since his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Low, had heard from him and the letter was received with much satisfaction by them and all his friends.

Feb. 11, 1918: In an article telling of an entertainment for the senior class, we noticed the following names: Misses Tennie Barnett, Vincie Bowen, Chlorene Vaughan, Vera Nobles and Emma Harris. A part of the entertainment was music from the Edison over which Miss Inys Whiteside presided.

June 21, 1918: In reading of the June wedding of Emma Sue Green and D. Lawrence Kent, we noted this paragraph: 'Miss Lennie Greenway, who served as maid of honor, wore an exquisite frock of filmy white net and ribbon, with a dainty touch of pink, and carried a large arm boquet of pink carnations and ferns."

Headline of Sept. 26, 1919: The Hamlin Country May Yet Be an Oil Field.

July 25, 1919: Floods Deluge the Hamlin Country (headline.)

Nov. 28, 1919: Two of Hamlin's most popular young people, Miss Georgia Withers and Mr. Grogan Turner, were married on Sunday afternoon. They had intended to be married at Stamford, but to head off a number of anxious friends they had the ceremony performed while in Tuxedo, and when they arrived in Stamford to board the train for Albany, their marriage was announced to the waiting ones.

Jan. 30, 1920: A pretty home wedding solemnized the union in marriage of Mr. W. C. (Ted) Russell and Miss Robbie Stallings, at the home of Prof. and Mrs. H. D. Neff, on Friday evening, Jan. 3, at 8 o'clock. . . . . This marriage is the end of a pretty little romance, extending over a few months, and came as a great surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties.

April 23, 1920, Headline: Do not Loaf in Autos.

April 23, 1920: Mrs. J. P. Morgan accompanied her little son, Gerald, to Abilene, Saturday to boost him in his declamation contest between 13 counties.

Sept. 3, 1920: Hamlin Schools Secure Affiliations.

Oct. 15, 1920: Sunday evening, Miss Jessie Mae Feagan and Mr. Harry Dillard greatly suprised their friends of Hamlin by going to Aspermont and marrying.

Nov. 5, 1920: Mr. W. R. Calhoun and Miss Letrice Johnson were married Saturday and left Sunday on a bridal tour.

Jan. 8, 1926: Fourth Annual Banquet of Alumni Association of Hamlin High School was held at the Morgan Hotel. The following officers were elected: President, Buddy Withers; vice-president, Arlie Cassle; Secretary, May Gay; Treas. J. C. Randel; Reporter, Karen Harden.

Nov. 12, 1926, Headline: Hamlin's Future Depends on Public Spirit and "Fight." EDITORIAL: Hamlin's Progress Depends on Highways. And Ye Editor defended his plea with 'This is No 'Day Dream' "

Aug. 5, 1927: Hamlin Rotary Club had its first meeting.

Sept 3, 1927: Hamlinites go to Abilene to see Lindbergh.

Nov. 29, 1929: Cornerstone of the New high school building set in Wednesday.

June 1930: Miniature golf games raging in Hamlin; there are two in our city.

Headline of July 11, 1930: Long Hidden Key to Prosperity is Brought to Light.

June 2, 1933: Hamlin McWilliams, the first boy born in Hamlin, received a degree in medicine from the University of Texas. Dr. L. S. Magee, ushered the young man into this world.

Nov. 3, 1933: The Hamlin Pied Pipers beat Stamford to the lovely tune of 12 to 0 in the first conference game of the season to be played on the home field.

1939: Present day Hamlin and we see many of those pioneer dreams as realities; prophecies of the past have become common every day things. To-day Hamlin stands as a prosperous little city of Central West Texas, made of beautiful homes, modern and substantial business enterprises, strong religious and cultural interests, and a loyal, progressive citizenship. With plenty of good roads, a steady growing oil field, many natural resources for popular manufactured products, rich agricultural lands, livestock and poultry industries, a permanent and modern water supply, an optimistic view of the future and faith in our town and ourselves . . . . . what more could we ask of God's country?

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CONGRATULATIONS ... Mr. Pope

We Feel That the TWENTY-FIVE YEARS You Have Spent in HAMLIN Should "Make You Feel Very Happy and We Hope You Have Many More. And While You Celebrate

We Also Feel Like Celebrating

We are happy to tell our CUSTOMERS that they have more than doubled our volume since the first week in this year 1939. And it is our desire to show our appreciation by constantly trying to serve you better, by giving you the very best service possible and at the same time be loyal to our home town and give the very best merchandise money can buy, and at a price you will know is the very lowest.

LET'S ALL CELEBRATE FRIDAY & SATURDAY

SUGAR 25	PURE CANE LBS.	$1.25	Crackers	Sunray 2 Lb.	11c
Coffee	Guaranteed Lb.	11c	Smacks	Edgemont 6½ oz. Box	10c
Pickles	Sour or Dill (Not Sold to Other Merchants) Qt.	10c	Corn 3	No. 2 Good and Sweet CANS	25c
Mustard	Qt	10c	Lard 8 LB. CTN 69c	4 LB. CTN	35c

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Lemons 2	DOZ.	25c
Pineapples	Lge. Size	15c
Lettuce	HEAD	5c

MEATS

Jowls . .	LB.	7c
Bologna 3	LBS.	25c
Hams	Half or Whole—Lb.	19c

GROCERIES MEATS

TERRELLS

FRUITS VEGETABLES

Phone 69 (RED & WHITE) We Deliver

West Texas Largest Furniture Company Started In Hamlin In 1906

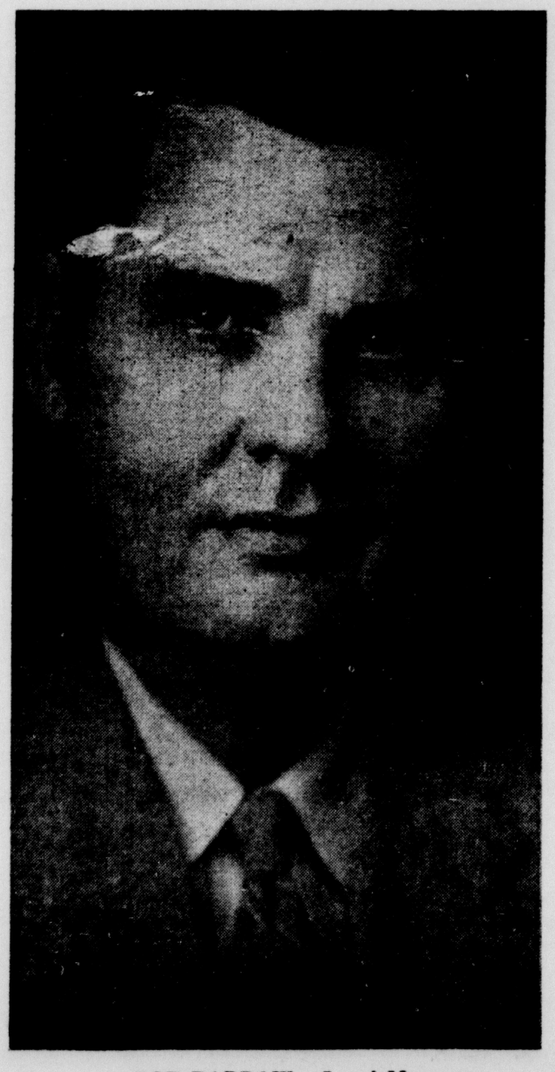
The story of A. B. Barrow and the progress of the Barrow Furniture Company constitutes one of the most vivid examples of how a small beginning in Hamlin developed into one of West Texas most important companies dealing in furniture.

The story begins back in 1906 when A. B. Barrow, then quite unknown, started a small furniture store in Hamlin. The story goes that he was here during 1906 and then decided Rotan was the place and went over there and established an other store and after getting it well on its way, he returned to Hamlin in 1908.

When the Herald man arrived in Hamlin in 1914, we found A. B. Barrow occupying the building where now the Inzer Pharmacy is located.

A. B. Barrow was the first undertaker to purchase a motor hearse in this part of Texas. In those days, Mr. Barrow took a leading part in the civic affairs of Hamlin, and served several terms on the City Council. Following the end of the World War and about the time oil was discovered in the Eastland-Ranger-Cisco countries, Mr. Barrow soon was establishing big furniture stores in those towns, and kept branching and extending till at one time their chain of stores covered the best towns in West Texas. But A. B. never thought of relinquishing his place in Hamlin.

When the big building where the Day Hardware store is now, was constructed, the Barrow Company moved across the street to it and occupied that place till they moved a few years ago to the other Day building, their present location.



BOB BARROW, Local Manager

The Barrow Company has headquarters in Abilene, now, where they have the most beautiful and best appointed furniture display rooms west of Fort Worth. Besides the Abilene store, they have leading furniture and undertaking establishments in El Paso, Big Spring, Midland, Merkel, Anson, Stamford and Hamlin. This firm also is interested in other stores of West Texas, where Barrows are in charge.

In Hamlin, the Barrow store is managed by R. Y. (Bob) Barrow, a young business man who has won a place of esteem among Hamlin people. Let us give you a detailed sketch here, that you may know him better.

Bob was born in Hico, Texas, May 9, 1894. He attended the Hico schools, and when the World War came on, he was called in April 1918 and assigned to the 359th Inf. 90th Division. He was over seas 10 months, was in the St. Mehiel Drive for 30 days and was wounded on September 15, 1918. Bob got that snitch by being too fast and ran into a machine gun bullet. Returning to this country he was discharged at Fort Worth in April 1919.

By June of 1919, Mr. R. Y. Barrow was married to Miss Myrtle Simmons in Stephenville.

In June 1921, he was appointed Manager of the Hamlin Barrow Furniture and Undertaking Department, after having had a similar position in Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrow now have a nice home on corner of Second Street and Alamo Avenue. They have two children, Miss Mildred, age 17, a graduate of the Hamlin Hi, and R. Y. (Bobbie) Jr., age 15.

During the past 18 years, Mr. Barrow has served two years as Mayor and four terms on the City Council. His present services are given now to securing a better wtaer supply for Hamlin. He was Worshipful Master of the Hamlin Lodge two terms. He is a director of the Hamlin Rotary Club, also a director of the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce. If Bob has a hobby it is deer hunting and fishing.

Talk About "Pioneers" Here Is A Real Trucking Pioneer of Hamlin

One of Hamlin's most interesting characters, and congenial pioneer men is none other than W. F. Johnson, (distinguished from the many other Johnsons by being called "Truck" Johnson).

Mr. Johnson gets that title tacked onto his name because he is really a pioneer in the modern trucking business in this part of West Texas.

This good day in 1939, W. F. Johnson and his good wife are proud of their "family" of THIRTY-SEVEN. Later on we will tell you of them.

In "picking" around for some inside facts about a man's life, we often locate items that perhaps not even the children ever knew. Mr. Johnson, has a vivid memory, and it seems that he has never forgotten a single moment of his life. And say he is not an old man by any means. Born on March 30, 1874, on the line of Hood and Johnson counties, makes him so old (count it). To meet W. F. Johnson will convince you of his sterling worth and uprightness, a purebred loyal Texas man.

Mr. Johnson's early memories carry him to a certain corner in Fort Worth when he was a mere boy. He observed a man get out of a street car, unhook a mule's singletree, and then frisk the mule to the other end of the car and start back up the street . . . then here the mule, man and car comes again, the same performance. Bet a dollar right there it was that little William F. got the idea of transportation, but nowhere in his curious head was there such a contraption as he operates these days of 1939, like a thundering war machine, at a rate of 60 (don't tell) and carrying a load of maybe 20,000 pounds (don't tell that either). No boy can ever forget the old mule-drawn street car.

Next in the early memories of W. F. are pictures along the Brazos River. His home was about a mile from the river, near the line of Hood and Johnson Counties. He, like all Texas kiddoes then and now, loved to accompany dad to the fishing places. He says to this day he can see his father and himself sitting in a boat floating on the Brazos . . . stringing out trot lines after lines, and later taking them in with pounds and pounds of fish. He says 50 or 100 (wonder if this is a fish story). The next thing in his life was a move of his parents to a place in Bosque County, near the postoffice of Fowler, located on the old Texas Central railroad, now Hamlin's Katy. Then the road was just completed to Albany. In 1890 the family moved to Concho County, and there the lad started to play "cowboy." Some more memory hangs on in this job. Johnson still recalls the many cattle stampedes, 3 or 4 year old steers, roaring out their anger on dark stormy nights, crashing into wire fences and crashing everything before them till the boys got 'em rounded up again. Evidently this lasted eight years for . . . and maybe it was while a cowboy Mr. Johnson, located a young lady by the name of Emma Lee Goddie, to whom he was married at Duncan, Oklahoma, (then Indian Territory) on October 4, 1896.



W. F. JOHNSON
Founder of Johnson Truck Lines

Again we locate the W. F. Johnson family, only married two years, 1898 in Jones County.

There are now EIGHT living children in this Johnson family, and every one of them except J. Frank (designated from other Johnsons as "Mechanic" was born in old Jones County. Frank is an Oklahoman but he and Mrs. Frank Johnson and their two daughters live in Hamlin.

The next of the children is Mrs. Dode Sanford and husband with four children in Hamlin; Earl Johnson and wife and three children, in Hamlin; Joel Johnson and wife and two children, in Stamford; Clarence Johnson and wife and two children, near Royston; Albert Johnson and wife and two children, Abilene; Mrs. Clinton Gillis and husband and three children, near Hamlin; and William Johnson and wife of Sweetwater. In Mrs. Dode Sanford's family, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Johnson have one granddaughter, making a total of THIRTY-SEVEN in this family line.

W. F. Johnson began his Truck Lines on a meager scale and gradually expanded them till today he operates daily and some double daily trips between the following points, using nine truck units, and a property value of many thousand dollars:

Hamlin, Anson, Hawley, Abilene, Tuxedo, Stamford, Sagerton, Old Glory, Aspermont, Swenson, Peacock, Jayton, Girard and Spur—to Roton, Roby, Sweetwater, Longworth, Sylvester, McCaulley to Hamlin—a distance of 205 miles.

Mr. Johnson took a great pride in driving one of the modern High School Buses, for a number of years, but in these days he lets somebody else drive the trucks and buses. He has no time for such trivial stuff as work, but out on the Golf Grounds, one may find him any hour, or else he is once again sitting on a river or lake bank dreaming pounds and pounds of fish, as he did fifty years ago. Mr. Johnson's hobby will not stay "put," along about Christmas time it is "Christmas Lights." Long Live the Pioneer Motor Truck Man of Hamlin.

O yes, Mr. Johnson is a Baptist, and a member of the Lake View Golf Club, and an old fashioned Democrat.

Mrs. Newman Bender, of San Bernardino, California, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maberry in McCaulley and Mrs. George Bender in Hamlin.

JOE A. SIMPSON GROCERY & MARKET

Extends to Mr. and Mrs. Pope Heartiest Congratulations and Best Wishes for the Future

—Lott L. Shell
—Hal Rasor
—R. M. Petty
—Payne Rucker
—Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Simpson





J. A. Simpson

—We are so well pleased with Hamlin, that we hope to spend at least a full 25 years here and then Celebrate 1959.

PHONE 25

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Sugar
10 lbs
49¢



All Flavors ---------- 5¢
6 For 25c

Tomatoes
Large No. 2 Can
6¢

ADMIRATION COFFEE
1 lb. ---------- 26c
3 lbs. - GLASS JAR - 79c
Coffee and Jay's Doughnuts Served Saturday

Del Monte TUNA FISH
2 For ---------- 35¢
Del Monte Midget English Peas
No. 1 Can ---------- 13¢
Del Mnte Crushed PINEAPPLE
No. 2 can, Large ---------- 15¢
DEL MONTE PINEAPPLE
Flat, Crushed or Sliced, 3 for ---------- 25¢

DEL MONTE PEACHES
No. 2½ Can ---------- 16¢
DEL MONTE SALMON
No. ½ flat 18c
No. 1 tall 23c
APPLE JUICE
TASTY and REFRESHING ---------- 4 for 29c
2 for 15c



LIPTON'S TEA, ¼ lb., glass free ---------- 21c

MARKET

No. 1 Dry Salt BACON, lb. ---------- 10c
TROPIC OLEOMARGARINE, 2 lbs for 25c
ASSORTED LUNCH LOAVES, lb 23c
Armour's Star Delicious Picnic HAMS lb 19c
Swift's Brookfield Cheese, fresh, 2 lb. -- 29c
VEAL BEEF ROAST, lb. ---------- 17c

MATCHES, 6 boxes for ---------- 15c
Crystal White Soap, 6 for ---------- 23c
P AND G WHITE NAPHTHA SOAP 6 for ---- 23c
CHERRY BELL FLOUR ---- 24 lb.—$ .69 / 48 lb.—$1.19
SHORTENING, any kind, 4 lb. carton -- 39c

VEGETABLES

WHAT WILL YOU HAVE?
POKE SALAD GREENS?
TURNIPS? — TOMATOES?
CELERY? — MUSTARD? — SPINACH?
PEPPERS? BEANS? PEAS? SQUASH?
OKRA? — BEETS? — CARROTS?
SPECIAL PRICES ON THEM

JOE A. SIMPSON GROCERY and MARKET

PHONE 25

A Former Railroader Made Good In Grocery Business

The young fellow on the right is another example of success in Hamlin, when one starts out with a determination to win . . . if we could have secured the picture of Joe's wife, maybe we could point to her as being the 50 per cent responsible for all the progress the Simpsons have made in the past few short years.

In tracing Joe Simpson, we must go away back down in Texas, to a place called Hico, in Hamilton County, for it was there that Joe A. Simpson became a Texan. It was October 25, 1900, see.

Joe got a good start by attending a good high school and then he took a business course in Ft. Worth and later attended the Teachers College at San Marcos.

Somewhere he had learned telegraphy, and after the college work at San Marcos, he secured a position with the M. K. & T. Ry., as Cashier-Operator and kept at this for 10 years, and somewhere along the line, Joe met a young lady, Miss Maurine Shell, and thy were married on June 24, 1928. This couple came to Hamlin in the fall of 1933, and Joe was still with the Katy, and during those few months, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson began to like the little city of Hamlin. Joe talked with a few confidential friends about getting into business of some kind of his own, so did his wife, but getting far ahead on a small salary was impossible, and the 10 years had passed and Joe's capital was not so hot . . . . but he figured that with a small start in a good town, he ought to do something. Think about such unlimited faith in anybody's town in the depression years of 33 and 34.

One man whom the Simpson's talked with, frankly told them that many fellows had succeeded in Hamlin on a small investment, or even nothing, and the opportunities were juts as plentiful in 1933-34 as ever before. BUT in any kind of start there must be a demand, and with a demand there must be personal service, and personal service means sociability, plus congeniality, plus willingness to give the public even more than it expects, plus a pride in what you are doing and best of all a hope and burning desire to grow and build with the most modern in the future . . . . .that is the secret of the Simpson's progress in Hamlin. They just put themselves into their business and nothing can stop a couple on that line.

Joe and Mrs. Joe, decided to start a little store up on Central Avenue, close to their neighbors, where the small orders in a rush often happen. It was a small beginning. They operated the McGee service station and carried a few groceries and choice meats. When anything new came along, every neighbor heard of it, and actually had to try it. Rare brands, choice samples, followed by big orders, and this with the gas and oils, so many who at first were enticed into the little Simpson store, got the habit of saying "get it at Simpson's. This went on that way for two years, and something had to be done, either tell the folks to go elsewhere or get a newer and larger store. The Simpsos's really wanted to build "down town," but every time their thoughts became serious, they would think of how the folks near them had made their store grow, and in June 1936 the Simpsons compromised by building a roomy, well arranged building of their own a block nearer town than the first place.

To-day, in 1939, Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Simpson pride themselves on having a big store, chuck full of the best brands of groceries. Not only that, but they pride themselves on installing the most modern equipment to care for their meats and vegetables.

By June 1, this store will be air-conditioned for the comfort of their customers and personnel. Truly this couple has come a long way in making a place in the business affairs of this community.

Joe Simpson is a Mason and a member of the Hamlin Lions Club, and is a Methodist. One of his chief enjoyments is reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have one little daughter, Faith, born in June 1936.



JOE A. SIMPSON

JONES COUNTY CLUB WOMEN HELD MEETING IN LUEDERS

The Jones County Federated Club Women closed the years work with an all day meeting Saturday in Lueders.

Officers for the incoming year were installed. Mrs. Heflin Miller will serve as president of the Federation and Mrs. J. Frank Johnson is the Corresponding Secretary Both are members of the Hamlin Woman's Literary Club.

Attending from Hamlin were Mmes. Tom Teague, H. O. Cassle, R. D. Moore, J. H. Littleton and Heflin Miller.

Miss Estaline Richardson received her diploma from the Hendrick Memoial School of Nursing in Abilene, Sunday night.

Those from Hamlin who atended the Graduation Service were her mother, Mrs. S. M. Richardson and son, Cecil, Miss Nellie Pearl Money and Mrs. Leonard Starkey.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest—Mark Twain.

Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c at Hearald office.

Harden Hotel

Congratulates

the Herald for Its 25 Years Service in Hamlin.



Fireproof Building, Modern, Convenient Reasonable Rates

MRS. D. D. HARDEN, Manager
32 years in Hamlin

Waggoner Drug Co.

1906 : 33 Years in Hamlin : 1939

We take this Opportunity on our

33rd Year

In Hamlin

To express our appreciation for the Loyal Support our friends have given us through these many years.



J. J. Waggoner
"THE FUSSY PILL ROLLER"

We have always done our best to give you the best of everything that was on the market.

In filling your prescription, we have given you what the "Doctor Ordered."

Hoping that you are all satisfied customers, and thanking you for a continuation of your trade, we promise you the best.

Come to see us when you want anything or just a friendly visit.

If you are not satisfied, tell us . . . if you ARE satisfied, tell your neighbors.

"Thanks"

Strauss Dry Goods Co. Measure 20 Years In Hamlin Merchandising

It wll sooon be 20 years ago when a smiling, happy-go-lucky fellow, well known and now remembered as Charlie Strauss, came into Hamlin and was heard to say "Be-golly," this is where I'm stopping. So Charlie DID stop and soon hung out his name "Strauss Dry Goods." Charlie developed such fame, that after he sold out and went to a town a short way from Hamlin, that the store name hung on and is still here today. When Charlie comes over from Stamford, he sees his name in box car letters and he puts on one of those old-fashioned smiles, and says, golly, I could move myself, but I can't erase my name off the street."

Mr. Strauss was followed by the late Richard Lehmann, who continued to build and popularize the store till his death. Lehmann Bros. sold their interest to Kurt Schoemann, who continues to hold the name of "Strauss." Mr. Shoemann is from the Rhineland of Germany and came to this nation in July 1936. He stopped in Dallas less than one year and came on to Hamlin in April 1937. Kurt is just a "kid," born in 1910. In the old country he attended a Junior College and a business school, and since coming to this Western land of Texas he has gained the "Kings English" rapidly. His mother, Mrs. Freida Schoemann joined him here in March 1938, and is the assistant manager of the store. She too is rapidly taking on the new customs and ways of this adopted land.

There is one clerk, of the many estimable ones of the Strauss store, whom we want here to remind Hamlin people of . . . . he is none other than Clarence Bailey, perhaps the oldest in point of continued time as a clerk in Hamlin. Clarence is Mr. Shoeman's right-hand man, head salesman, who not only understands every "lingo" of the English language, but that of the Mexican. The Herald does not want to be accused of going "daffy" about a man, but we do want to say here that Clarence Bailey is a man whom we have dealt with frequently for 25 years and he is every whit a man, kind, sympathetic, patient. To say good things about our fellow-townsmen is one of the geratest pleasures Ye Editor has enjoyed in putting out tthis Anniversary Edition.

Mr. Schoemann is fortunate in having a man like Mr. Bailey to bridge the difference between this free land of America and that of Gemany for him, in a busisess way, here in Hamlin. Mr. Bailey is continuously teaching Mr. Shoemann, and as the years pass, Kurt is looking and acting more and more like a real West Texan.

T. E. Shelburne & Son Have Become Prominent Builders In Hamlin

Sometimes when one has a notion to build, or is trying to build, he wonders why there are not more carpenters, mechanics, workmen. And while YOU are thinking that way the contractors and the carpenters wonder why more people do not put their money into good useful structures and heip build up this community.

Is there anybody in Hamlin who does not admire a good piece of building? There is lots of satisfac-

small cabinet or a massive home or business house.

Hamlin has a firm known as T. E. Shelburne & Son, known as Contractors & Builders, who have gradually during the past twenty years built up a good reputation for good work. The father went it alone mostly as Tom Shelburne till he could bring up his first son, Delma and school him and teach him how it should be done, when building. Tom got his education "architectually" by hard knocking on nails and pulling saws, job. So when his son was ready to learn about building, he naturally wanted him to get the "short cuts," and be better prepared than Daddy. Delma, after completing the Hamlin Hi, went to Texas Tech and took a course in building and now all the Senior member has to do is to counsel and advise on lines where the college failed to insert that kind of text-book. No teacher is as good as father. Both father and son are now able to "tell each other." Such a combination has proven its worth.

Tom E. Shelburne has many years advantage over Delma, his son, for Tom was born on Dec. 7, 1892, on a farm "down in Texas" and at Ballenger, on December 15, 1912 he met and married Miss Ittlean Caudle. The family today, consists of Delma, age 25, Leslie, age 20, Miss Clara Louise, 18, a 1939 graduate of the Hamlin Hi, and Miss Francis Laverne, age 13.

Mr. Shelburne is a Baptist, a deacon in the chusch a long time, a Sunday School teacher, served on the school board seven years, and a Master Mason, and formerly a Ro-



DELMA SHELBURNE

tarian.

The son, Delma, is also a Baptist, member of the Lions Club, a Sunday School teacher, and in June 1938 was married to Miss Catherine Adkins of Hamlin.

He who has truth in his heart, need never fear the want of persua-

1884 ◆ Bryant-Link Co. ◆ 1939

Fifty-five Years of Service In Jones County



J. C. BRYANT
FOUNDER of the COMPANY

Dry Goods — Ready-to-Wear

Stetson Hats, Arrow shirts,
Interwoven Sox
Friedman-Shelby Shoes

Levine dresses, Nelly Don dresses,
Gossard Foundations,
Kayser hose and Underwear

HARDWARE *and* IMPLEMENTS

John Deere Implements,—Maytag Washers, Philco Radios



Thos. TEAGUE
Manager Hamlin Store

Congratulations, Mr. Pope on your 25th Anniversary with the Herald . . . Our hats are off to you and the good you are doing. We are for you *100* per cent.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

In keeping with National Arrow week, we offer you a great selection of beautiful—
Arrow Shirts for

$1.55

each the event you have been waiting for.
Come early, while the selection is good

This week-end only, we offer you our entire stock of new, smart Dresses and Hats for Milady a t

1-3 Off

Do not fail to take advantage of this great Saving on Stylish merchandise.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Still At Your Service

McCAULLEY MATTERS

By JOHN P. HARDESTY

H. P. Powers, newly elected superintendent of McCaulley public schools, delivered the graduating address for the Swedonia school, Thursday evening.

Mrs. W. H. Stephenson has gone to Abilene for an extended stay with her son, Prof. W. A. Stephenson and family. She will spend part of the summer with relatives in Dallas, East Texas and with her son Rowland, who teaches in Tucumcari, New Mex.

Mrs. Glover of Colorado City, has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Powers and Mr. Powers.

Mrs. J. I. Parker and daughter, Velta, have been visiting relatives at Slaton the past week.

Chicken pox and measles have held the limelight in this community for the past several weeks. So far no one has been seriously ill, but considerable inconvenience by these ailments.

Rev. J. L. Mayhew, local Methodist pastor, has been ill of flu for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Davison are expecting their grandchildren, Jiggs and Jeanene O'Neal, of El Paso, to arrive for a visit with them Friday.

Mmes. Wesley Akins of Benjamin and Mills, her mother, of Crowell, were Saturday visitors at the home of M. L. Akins. They brought Corinne Akins home from Benjamin, where she visited two weeks. Katie Akins returned with them to Benjamin for a visit.

Following the good rains of ten days ago, the farmers are busy planting their crops. Sandstorms are hindering to some extent, but that is nothing new in this part of the country.

Mmes. W. W. Faulkenberry, M. L. Akins, J. P. Hardesty, Miss Billy Milsap, Rev. Roy Hennington and this scribe, attended the Baptist Workers Conference at Hitson, Monday. The next meeting goes to Plasterco, June 19th.

Mr. asd Mrs. Garland Davis, of Weinert, former residents of McCaulley, were visitors here Monday, Garland is manager for R. B. Spencer and Company, at Weinert.

There are some news items we would like to report, but since we do not have detailed facts relative to them, we hesitate to give them. Friesds will confer a favor upon us, if they will write out such information and hand to us, or mail to us, as some are kind enough to do. And please give correct names, initials, post office address and such other information as will enable us to be exact in reporting.

D. L. Smith began his duties as carrier for the rural mail route, Monday, May 22.

The body of O. J. Hammit, who died of pneumonia, was buried in McCaulley cemetery about Nov. 18, 1918, was disinterred and removed to Clovis, New Mexico and reinterred in the Clovis cemetery, May 11th. This was ordered done because of the dying request of his wife, who passed away at Clovis late in 1938. The O. R. Maples Funeral Home, Snyder, was in charge.

WICKER REUNION HELD AT McCAULLEY

In honor of Mrs. J. F. Wicker, a reunion was held Sunday in the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. I. Parker. Dinner was served upon tables on the lawn. All the children were present except one son, Ray Wicker of Slaton. Those attending were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jones and son; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nall and son; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wicker and two sons; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jones and three children; Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Miers and two children; Mr and Mrs. Pete Humphries and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Parker and two children; Velma Lou Boyd and Clifford Jones, all of McCaulley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilson and six children; Mrs. Walter Taff and son of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wicker; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reasoner; Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Wicker; C. P. Wicker and son; Mrs. J. E Waldrop; Mrs. Jim Wolf; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Keese and two children; Tellous Wicker and Billy Faye Wicker all of Slaton.

THE CHEERFUL H. D. CLUB

The Cheerful H. D. Club, met in the home of Mrs. Roy Brown, Friday, May 19. A report was made on Dairy Day at Anson, by the President, Mrs. Monroe Tabb. The club won blue ribbons on the milk and red ribbons on the butter.

Miss Gladys Martin gave a talk on "well lighted kitchens," and "kitchen improvements. She also displayed some hand made kitchen curtains.

Those present were Mmes. Mnoroe Tabb, Cecil Brown, Homer Neal, Hulan Bradford, Roy Brown, Ed Rodgers, Tom Shelburne, T. W. Flenniken, Clifford Stuart and Nolan Tabb and a guest, Mrs. K. Cowell.

The club will meet with Mrs. Hulan Bradford, June 16.

—Reporter.

The Magnolia Oil Prodncts Are Pushed In Hamlin By Tom Holman and His Co-Salesmen

Not everybody in Texas has seen the large, fragrant royal flowers of the famous Texas Magnolia trees, which flourish and bloom in Southern Texas, but there is not a Texan os perhaps a citizen of the United States but has seen, and most of them used the equally Texas famous Magnolia Oil Products. It was a patriotic suggestion when the builders of one of Texas greatest oil companies decided on the word Magnolia. For it was in the Magnolia country that Texas gained her reputation for its vast oils.

The Herald has not taken time to dig into the records to see just which oil company was first to locate in Hamlin, but we do know that the Magnolia was in the first class, and today with the management of an aggressive and determined fellow like Tom F. Holman, it stands in the front rank.

Lets see who this fellow Holman is anyway. He was born in Paige, Texas, down in Bastrop county on Sept. 17, 1895. And think of it . . . HE TOO came to Hamlin just 25 years ago and this issue of the Herald is HIS Anniversary also.

Tom was about 10 years of age when his family moved to Rotan, where he lived till 1914. One thing right here, let it be remembered that Hamlin and Rotan started about the same time, maybe Hamlin is a little earlier than Rotan, and many people who live in Hamlin now, formerly lived in Rotan, maybe some Hamlin folks have moved to Rotan, so we are even.

Just before coming over to live in Hamlin, Tom Holman decided he had better not leave his best girl over there, and thus he was married to Miss Camille Cave, on December 26, 1913. To-day, Mr. and Mrs. Holman have one of Hamlin's attractive modern brick homes on Union Avenue. They have one child, Miss Tommie Nell, who is to be a Senior in Hamlin Hi next term. Mrs. Holman (give her this honor) has proven that Hamlin can have a pretty yard and lawn, even without enough water. Look at their place . . . . it is proof enough.

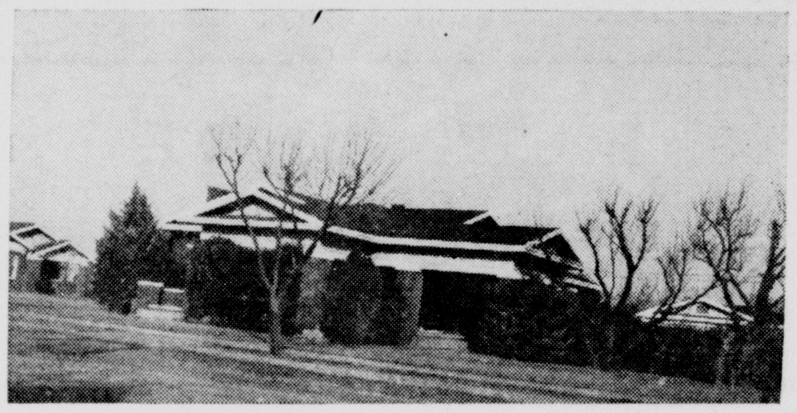
On coming to Hamlin, Mr. Holman entered the meat market business and continued this till 1928. In 1932 he acquired the Hamlin agency of the Magnolia Company in Hamlin territory.

Tom goes about his oil business quietly, but he has an eye for business, and has built up a creditable sale of Magnolia products.

Mr. Holman has found time to serve two terms on the City Council. He is a Master Mason and a Shriner. He has acquired several hundred acres of good farm and ranch lands, and it loooks as if he is prepared to grow old handsomely and gracefully.



TOM F. HOLMAN,
The Magnolia Man



MR and MRS. TOM HOLMAN'S HOME ON UNION AVE.

FLAT TOP SOUTH SIDE NEWS

(By Nancy O'Neal)

Flat Top school closed last Friday after a nine months term. Flat Top school is a three teacher school, teaching through the seventh grade. Students above this grade attended Hamlin schools and several from Flat Top graduated from there Monday night.

Last Wednesday evening the trustees of Flat Top sent a letter to each of the teachers, which includ Mr. Silas Davenport and his wi Mrs. Mary Davenport and M Ethyl Waynescott to come to school house about 8:00 P. M. for board meeting. On their arriv they found about seventy-five pe sons present and they were infor ed it was a suprise weiner roast their honor. Out-door games v played and then they roasted ma mallows and weiners. Everyb reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pyron of F Top are the proud parents of a and one half pound boy, born 6th. The little lad was named D ald Swenson.

Miss Myrtle Neucomb of Leud visited her sister Miss Lucille N comb of South Side Sunday.

Those of our community on sick list this week are Miss Luic Neucomb ,Miss Lila Marie Sedbe and Jimmy Sedberry.

Miss Pauline Fudge of Abile visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fudge of Flat Top last week.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Neal, Sunday were Mr. and M Jim Freeman and son; Mr. Wilh Freeman, all of Stamford; Mr. a John O'Neal and children; Mr. a Mrs. Alvin Mullins and daughte of Flat Top.

A large group of Flat Top peo met at the Flat Top school hou Friday at 8:30 a. m. and from th they went to the Hamlin Park fo picnic. Everyone took a bas lunch which was served by t ladies at the noon hour. Abo 3:00 P. M. the group went back the Flat Top school house to pl ball. After going through town a buying a ball and bat the gro spent the remainder of the aft noon at the school house. Abo sixty-five persons reported it enjoyable affair.

There was Sunday School at t Flat Top Baptist Church, Sund morning and singing Sunday eve

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bennett a little daughter, Patricia Lee, l Tuesday for California where th will visit the San Francisco Fa Also they will visit Mrs. Bennet mother and other relatives.

Miss Doris Gilreath of Bronte a guest in the home of Mr. and M J. Frank Johnson, this week.

M. T. YORK STORES

1920 ←——→ 1939



M. T. York
FOUNDER of YORK STORES

Stores Located At:

—HAMLIN No. 1—1920
—ROTAN 1926
—ANSON 1926
—CROSBYTON 1929
—RALLS 1929
—WINTERS 1930
—CHILLICOTHE 1931
—GRAHAM No. 1 1932
—BRECKENRIDGE 1934
—SWEETWATER 1934
—HAMLIN No. 2 and Warehouse & Office 1935
—GRAHAM No. 2 1936
—HOLLIS, OKLA. 1937
—SAYRE, OKLA. 1938



Marvin York, Jr.
ASSISTANT

We Of the York Stores In Hamlin

Extend

Congratulations to Editor and Mrs. Pope for the services they have rendered to Hamlin Community for 25 years.

he Word "Bryant" Is a Jones Co. Household Sign Of 55 Years

of the first general merchan- stores listed in the first years Hamlin Herald was the Baker Dry Goods.

Herald of October 5, 1906 announcement for the Baker- Co., for their Fall Opening, "Millinery and Dress Goods, er 10." Here is the exact ng of that opening announce- "We invite everybody to at- our opening, Wednesday, Octo- 0th, we will show some of the styles and Novelties in Mil- and Dress Goods. Don't for- e day. Come and see for your- We will entertain you."

BAKER-BRYANT CO.,
Hamlin, Texas

day, J. C. Bryant delights to the years and years of mer- ising in Jones County. While es not plan and manage as in den days, he still keeps a keen n the boys, and enjoys seeing oneer country developing in ny ways into a great prosperous n.

day the propelling force of the t-Link Company in West Tex- in J. C. Bryant's sons, Ber- and Billy. We note from ther head that this pioneer Jones County firm has stores now in As- permont, Hamlin, Jayton, Lamesa, Post, Rotan, Snyder, Spur and head- quarters in Stamford.

The Bryant-Link Co. has always had an interest in a store in Ham- lin, according to our information. Twenty-five years ago, when the Herald family reached Hamlin, the store was known by the name of Pool-Whittington Co. The Herald is full of their advertisements, and we look back to the records of such men as Mr. Pool, and Mr. Whittington, both contributing to Hamlin in many ways while connected with the store here.

We go back to the years when Bil- ly Bryant came as manager for the newest of the Bryant-Link stores in Hamlin. Billy Bryant will last in the history of Hamlin as long as there is a town. He was a builder, a worker in every line of activity . . . just a typical type of the old Jones Coun- ty high-minded citizenship. Billy was instrumental in the progress of the Methodist Church, was president of the school board and his name is on the cornerstone of the beautiful High Scool building that now is the pride of Hamlin. Billy, the Herald says for all Hamlin, we thank you



TOM TEAGUE
Manager Hamlin Store

for the part you played in the short years you represented the Bryant- Link Store in Hamlin. Billy Bryant is now connected with the home of- fice of the company, but down in his heart he still retains a warm feel- ng for Hamlin.

Soon after Billy Bryant left Ham- lin, the present Manager of the Bryant-Link Company, Tom Teague was made Manager. Hamlin people have been so accustomed to harness up the managers of this popular store, that when Tom hit the streets there was a job waiting for him. He is a willing worker, and he gets plenty of "thank you" jobs on his shoulders. He is measuring up to par and getting better every year.

As the Herald has repeated time and again in this Anniversary Edi- tion, one thing we desire to accom- plish, is to make Hamlin people more conscious of this place still be- ing as good as the best place in which to live, and again to give one anoth- er more facts about the men and wo- men who have lived and worked for Hamlin and if possible increase "ap- preciation." We found out about Tom Teague. He is at present presi- dent of the Hamlin School Board and away back yonder he was a student of the Hamlin schools. Did you know that? We did not. This proves that Tom is still a young man, for Hamlin is only 33 years old. It has not been so long since Feb. 8, 1899, that Tom was a baby in Mason County. Tom was just one year old when his parents brought him to Fisher county, where for three years he played around his father's blacksmith shop in the Do- well community. Later the family moved to Old Roby, now North Ro- by. Yes Sir, 30 years ago, Tom Teague attended school over in Jones County, at Hamlin, but pre- viously had gone to his first school over at Truby, in this county. The family moved to Spur in 1910. Most of Tom's schooling was at that place. Tom says that he grew so fast that before he had gone far in school he had become so large that he thought he was a man and why fool with school. He got a drug store job and later he got a cleark- ing job with the Bryant-Link Co., at Caddo, Texas in 1919 and has been with the Bryant-Link Company ever since. He came to Hamlin in 1933, as head of the Hardware Dept., and in March 1935 became Store Mgr.

On June 19, 1919, Tom Teague and Miss Alta Barbara Fite were married at Spur, and the Teague family in Hamlin, now consists of mother and father and two daugh- ters, Misses Constance Teague, a stu- dent in McMurry College, and Peg- gie Jane, a junior in Hamlin High.

Mr. Teague is a member of the Methodist Church, a steward and trustee. He is a Rotarian, and a past president of the Hamlin Cham- ber of Commerce. He has rendered good service as a member and presi- dent of the Hamlin School Board.

BOYD CHAPEL CHIRPS

(By Mrs. Earl Brown)

Don't forget the play, "Here Comes Charlie," that will be present- ed here on next Friday evening, at 8:00 o'clock. Special features be- tween acts and plenty of good music. Admission price is 10c to everybody.

Those on the sick list this week are Durl Ward, Yvonne Young and Mrs. Eric Crow. Mrs. Crow has been quite ill for some time.

Miss Mildred Young and Clovess Estes of Abilene spent the week end with relatives and friends

Miss Viva Milstead, who has been teaching near Houston returned home Saturday.

The children of Art Hall of Ham- lin spent Sunday with their grand mother, Mrs. G. W. Bristow and family.

mother, Mrs. G. W. Bristow and Duane spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. King in Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young and baby of Tahoka, visited with Mr and Mrs. Thompsey Young and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Young last week.

Mr. a nd Mrs. Cloda Hubbard and Loy Hubbard of Tahoka spent Saturday night with Mrs. Jim Hub- bard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Estes spent the week-end with relatives in Post and Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wortham Crow spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Weaver, near Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Gleason of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dutton, Monday evening.

Rev. Mayhew was unable to fill his appointment here Sunday, due to a case of influenza.

Mrs. Paul Young was hostess to the Willing Workers Club on Tues- day afternoon. Those present quilted for her, after which delicious sandwiches, cake and punch were served.

Albritton Food Store

1919 ← TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE → **1939**



W. A. Albritton

CONGRATULATIONS

MR. AND MRS. BOWEN POPE

Many Happy Returns of the Day. We Wish You another Quarter of a Cen- tury of Progressive and Profitable Service to Hamlin and its Territory

We Salute You With Some of the Best Grocery Buys Ever Offered in Hamlin.





W. Henry Albritton

ADMIRATION
COFFEE
3 Lb. Glass Jar **77c** 1 Lb. Tin **27c**
FREE DEMONSTRATION SATURDAY

TEA Admiration and Bright & Early with Glass Free
Admiration, ¼ lb. 20c
Bright & Early ¼ lb 15c

Post's
CEREAL SALE
40 per cent BRAN FLAKES
POST TOASTIES
or
GRAPE NUT FLAKES
YOUR CHOICE
Straight or Assorted
3 Pkgs. **25¢**

ARMOUR'S, WILSON, K. B.
COMPOUND 8 Lb. Carton **72c**
MAYFIELD
CORN . . **3** No. 2 Tins **20c**

DEXTER
BACON . . lb. **22c**
MIXED
Mixed SAUSAGE lb. **10c**
ASSORTED BAKED
LUNCH LOAVES lb. **25c**
ROAST Rolled, Boned and Tied lb. **23c**
FRYERS DRESSED and DRAWN **35c & Up**

MACARONI SPAGHETTI or VERMICELLI box **5c**
PURE GRANULATED
SUGAR 25 Pounds Cloth Bag Not Sold Alone **$1.19**

TEXAS
Green Beans 2 lbs. **15c**
Pineapple FRESH—Each **19c**
Bananas GOLDEN FRUIT lb. **4c**
New Potatoes U. S. No. 1 10 Lbs. **25c**

PRICES EFFECTIVE
Friday, Saturday, Monday, May 26, 27, & 29
We Reserve the Right to Limit

EMPSON
PEAS . Fancy Colorado **2** 303 Tins **19c**
SATIN TIP
MATCHES . . Carton of 6 **15c**

TEXAS KING
SYRUP, — So Called Gallon Bucket — **49c**
RICE, 3½ lbs. — **17c**
HUSKIES, 2 pkgs. — **15c**
OXYDOL — (Bar Lava Free)—Med. Pkg. — **20c**
BLUE BONNET
SALAD DRESSING, qt. — **25c**
Ice Tea Coaster Free
SALTINE KRISPY
CRACKERS, 2 lb. box — **25c**
SMACKS, large box — **19c**

SAFEWAY Manager, J. D. Burk Says Hamlin Is Good Enough

Along about June of 1935, J. D. Burk came to Hamlin as Manager of theHamlin Safeway Store. Since that time he has scouted about this part of Texas and from concrete example he has proven that Hamlin is good enough for him and his wife and two children.

Recently, Mr. Burk firmly established his citizenship in Hamlin by purchasing a nice cottage home on Alamo Avenue. J. D. says, "why pay rent." So he just up and bought him a home of his own. And that is a good step for a young man to take. A home is the dearest thing to any family.

Mr. Burk has many reasons to feel good in Hamlin. He is a friend maker in "Friendly Hamlin," and he has placed himself where his fellow townsmen can use his citizenship. He is a member of the Baptist Church, takes a great interest in the Hamlin Lions Club, and supports every civic movement that makes for a better Hamlin.

Just a few lines on the side about this man Burk. He was born in Brady, July 9, 1909 and he graduated from the Breckenridge High School and in that city was married to Miss Ila Vick. They have two children, little Miss Kitty and Joe Dale.

One thing Burk requires in his management, and his personnel and that is get-up-and-get, plus pleasantry to every customer. He himself can smile and take what is on hand even though he has responsibilities galore. Somebody may say that a man so useful in a community as Burk will soon be moved away from Hamlin. That may or may not be true. He is so well pleased with this nice little city that it will take an unusual attraction to cause him to pull up now and take some other place. He came here from Ballinger,, a good town, and there is no reason for thinking he will quit this place where so many friends have been made and where he is making good in the Safeway. Other boys who are helping him in the big store are Paul Green, Floyd Ewing and Jodie Creel.

Modern Times Have Developed Beauty Artists to Thriving Business

One of the most interesting enterprises of this age is that of beautifying, as is practiced in its varying features for the benefit of women.

Thirteen years ago, marks the coming to Hamlin of two aggressive, progressive, energetic young ladies from the Old Glory community in Stonewall county . . Misses Roxie and Elsie Wienke. They were "pioneers" in their line in Hamlin for they were the first to open a beauty shop in this town.

These young ladies have proven what this paper has said time and again: That whoever comes to Hamlin, and occupies any open field of enterprise and puts enough good management, business economy, and hard work into it, they will succeed.

When the Misses Wienke came to Hamln and started their shop, it was a far cry behind what one may see and enjoy today. For that matter these young women had at that time about the most modern equipment on the market, but like many other new comforts of this age, many things now in use were not even invented then.

Miss Elsie has a puzzled look these days when she meditates, "how did we do the work then." She remembers most vividly their chief requirements . . . most of their time was taken up in cutting off the long, long lock, so treasured in a former day. Then there was the marcell waving. Shortly the wonders of beauty equipment, the permanent waving machine, the kind that took almost a whole day of torture to establish a "wave . . . not so today, two hours now and the housewife and mother or busy business girl has her "permanent" and is on her way. Even today there is a 'machineless permanent."

After a few years, Miss Roxie Wienke sold her interest in the shop to Miss Elsie, who all along has kept an ever watchful eye on what the inventors and beauty equipment factories are offering that will improve the amount and quality of work in her Beauty Salon. Miss Wienke has remodeled her shop on several occasions, has enlarged and re-enlarged and all the time has improved the inside appearance where her customers and personnel have to stay while working.



MISS ELSIE WIENKE

Miss Wienke went to a great deal of expense in April 1937 to thoroughly modernize her place with the best of Air Conditioning, by means of the Frigidaire system. Naturally under this ideal situation, it becomes a pleasure to enter a place of this modern day comfort.

Miss Wienke keeps the personnel of her shop up to the highest standards of efficiency.

At this time the Beauty Salon has five experienced operators, and one experienced, assistant maid. Included in the staff of operators are Sara Ella (Nicholson) Gold, who has been with the shop for eight years, and who won the State-wide gold trophy contest in hair styling, in 1937, in El Paso. Mrs. Meddie Mae Raney has been with the shop for four and one-half years. Mrs. Jay Fitzgerald (Odessa Jones) four years. Mrs. Freida (Chastain) Sparks has been with Miss Wienke for two years and won the gold trophy in the hair styling contest in the Abilene District in 1938. Miss Virginia Spitzer of Sagerton is the newest member of the operating staff, and Mrs. Billie Gene Bailey is the assistant to the operators and has been with the business for two years.

The time has arrived when not even men will say a woman can not succeed in a business . . . Miss Wienke is an example of woman's success. She takes her business seriously, and makes it go, often against great difficulties.

COTTON WEEK

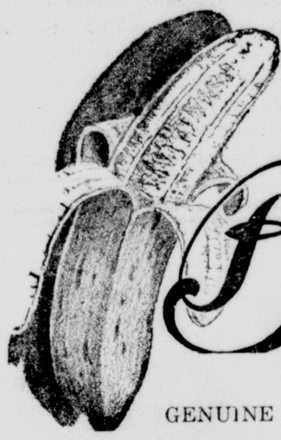
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Made With Cotton Seed Oil
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SOUTHERN LADY QUART 19c
LADY BETTY 42 Per Cent Oil—Qt. 29c

MADE WITH COTTONSSEED OIL
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Cotton Rope MOPS Each 19c
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Lettuce . . 5 Dozen Size 2 Heads 15c
Fresh Tomatoes . 2 Lbs. 17c
New Potatoes . 5 Lbs. 17c
Fresh Pineapple 6 In. AVERAGE 2 for 25c



LOUISIANA Green Beans Fresh-Snappy 2 Lbs. 15c

Dry Salt Bacon Pound 10c

ANGLO Corned Beef No. 1 Can 17c

MAXIMUM SLICED BACON Pound 25c

Headless Whiting Fish . lb. 10c
Beef Short Rib Roast lb. 13c
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Post Toasties 2 Lg. Pkgs. 15c
Stnadard Tomatoes 3 No. 2 Cans 17c
Fresh Prunes No. 10 Tin 25c
Fresh P-Nut Butter Qt. 23c
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SAFEWAY Your Friendly Grocer

If Hudson Bros. Were Old Men They Could Be Called Pioneers

There are two oldtimers, brothers, down on the lower end of Central Avenue who have been in business in Hamlin for 17 years and have been in Hamlin nearly all their lives, and if they could look old they would class as pioneers.

There are people in Hamlin who have known the Hudson Brothers for twenty-five years and every time they speak to them they are sure to get the names mixed. One of these "boys" is called "Soc and the other Red. Now which is Red and which is Soc is the puzzle. It does not make any difference which you call them, if they see your face they know what you mean. And both are always ready to give you service when you call on them.

Anyway, you can't find two twins more alike than these fellows and they have a twin business. If we get it right, M. T. (Red) is the fellow who sees to it that your car has a battery that will make it start. A. (Soc) is the one who likes to make your car go, by filling it with his Magnolia Gas, and he says, the car will run easy and last longer if it is greased or lubricated with Magnolia oils, and also he says, "how can a car go without proper tires," so while you wait, Soc will hang a new Firestone on a wheel and perhaps one to "spare."

When Uncle Sam needed men to win the World War, the Hudson brothers were right there. In Sept. 1917, M. T. enlisted in the 90th Division and for awhile was stationed in San Antonio. Later he went across to the real battlefield and was in some of the hardest fighting. A. Hudson, joined the 9th Division in August 1918 and was sent to Montgomery, Ala., for training, Both these boys are enthusiastic members of the American Legion and both are members of the Methodist church.

These fellows are the best fishermen and hunters in town. If you miss either one, don't ask "where," you should know. Futhermore, these boys are the sons of one of Hamlins pioneers, the late A. G. Hudson, who gave so much of his time to early Hamlin. These boys were brought up from Cottonwood down in Callahan County and so far as we really know, the folks from Callahan county are the best. (Our wife came from there.)

Both of these boys are married. M. T. married Miss Annie Belle Moore and their family consists of two lovely girls, Miss Joyce, a Junior in Hamlin Hi, and little Miss Susanne. A. Hudson was married to Miss Lyda Stewart of Hamlin, who is now his bookkeeper and secretary.

He who loves goodness, harbors Angels, reveres Reverance, and lives with God.—Emerson.

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Another De Leon Man Making Good In Hamlin

There is something about the "watermelon, cream and strawberry" soil down around De Leon, Texas that puts that something into the folks that give them a good start when they arrive in Hamlin. That is more than true in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Starr Inzer, who came to Hamlin in 1925 and by their business ability, congeniality and good sportsmanship popularized them selves and their drug store within a remarkably short time.



J. STARR INZER
Exercising

From 1925 to 1939 is just 14 years, and perhaps Starr Inzer has fixed his name and business in more vocabularies than any other fellow who ever spent just that much time in this community. He is not verbose, the briefer the better for him. He proved that when Hamlin was celebrating the discovery of oil out west of town. Remember when the Main Street, 80-foot Derrick was erected, it was covered with advertisements, and Inzer being the promoter of the "oil show" and the derrick idea, got to place his business name at the very top. "INZER" and by either side of it there was a big light, so at night that name stood at the top.

If there is anything in the world a newspaper man loves to see, it is a newcomer hit the town filled with life. You never saw Starr Inzer sitting around like a frog waiting for something to "come along." Starr seemed to ksow a good town and a good place from the very first day in Hamlin. From our information, we learn that Starr is a son of a doctor, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Inzer of De Leon. Naturally he was trained in the drug line and when he had completed the De Leon High School, he turned toward pharmacy and so he went to the Atlanta Georgia College of Pharmacy and completed the course in 1923. He got his first job at Lamesa and later worked for an Abilene store and he was in Waxahachie in the summer of 1925 and learned of a dandy drug store for sale in Hamlin. It did not take him any time to decide to take it and today that store is known all over this country as "Inzer Pharmacy."

Since coming to Hamlin, Mr. Inzer has been a leader in civic affairs, being president of the Chamber of Commerce, Manager of Hamlin's biggest Rodeo and Livestock Show, director of the Chamber of Commerce. He was for a long time prominent in the Masonic Lodge. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

The Herald does not want to get in bad with Mrs. Inzer, in giving her husband all the credit for his success in the drug business in Hamlin. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Inzer is due about 75 per cent of the "going of the store."

You understant that Starr is OK when he is around, but from the picture here, one readily sees that he likes to travel. His hobby is horseback riding and if our recollection is not thin, we recall seeing the Mrs. at a riding show on more than one occasion. Starr also has a "ranching complex," he boasted a long time ago about his "One cow Ranch." Call him a drug store cowboy if you care to, that serves to crack one of his familiar smiles. So after all, while the Pharmacist is out rounding up the stock, or maybe hunting, his business-like wife carries on the store in good fashion.

There is no reason why Starr Inzer should not last a hundred years and still be going strong.

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ADMISSION—10 & 25c
Hamlin, Texas,

Friday Night

"Three Smart Girls Grow Up"
Three little "Lovelies"—now Grow up! Sweeter and Smarter than Ever!
DEANNA DURBIN,
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ANDY DEVINE,
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"Never Say Die"
The Fastest, Funniest Screen Comedy of the Year!
With: MARTHA RAYE,
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HAMLIN, TEXAS

J. J. Waggoner Represents First of the First Pharmacists in Hamlin

In June 1937, Ye Editor, saw two distinguished gentlemen walking slowly down Main Street, apparently deeply discussing something. The two "boys" were J. J. Waggoner, sometimes mentioned as the "Fussy Pill Roller" and his long time associate, Dr. L. S. Magee. Thirty-one years previous to that day, Dr. Magee wrote out a prescription for somebody, and "Uncle" Jerry Waggoner filled that prescription. Two years have passed since that day and these two distinguished gentlemen are still on the line of duty. Dr. MaGee, being about as active and as busy as ever and J. J. Waggoner, just as full of fun and "wigor" as in the days of 1906.

The Herald is happy to get these two young men on the hook and tell you something at least about J. J. Waggoner, the "Fussy Pill Roller." Now somebody will up and say, "why I know all about Jerry Waggoner." Well, buddy, if you do, it is more than Ye Editor does . . . infact just this week we learned that Jerry is NOT a Texan at all. Why Uncle Jerry is a native of old Indiana, born in Green County, March 2, 1870 (he admits it too.)

It may be interesting to know that Mr. Waggoner started his first prescription filling in Hamilton, Texas on November 1, 1895. Figure how far back that was, please.

Well sir, J. J. remained in that city that sounds so much like Hamlin, and it was there he met a Texas girl, named Miss Mattie Cooper, and he married her on January 23, 1889, six years before he started as a pharmacist.

Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner have three living children, Mrs. Mamie Akers and Reynard Waggoner of Graham, both pharmacists, and Frank Waggoner, who is connected with the Waggoner Drug Co., another pharmacist. One child, Mrs. Shirley King, passed away a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner and children came to Hamlin, in April of 1906. Mr. Waggoner started in the drug business on lots just north of what is now the May Furniture Store. Later he acquired the famous stand where he now serves the public in his profession.

The Herald has perhaps passed or entered that place nearly every day for just 25 years and each time, almost without an exception, we either see the jovial face of the proprietor or one or more of the fine old doctors who love to make that place their headquarters.

In our own short 25 years, we have known the late and distinguished Doctors, as Dr. A. E. Pardue and Dr. J. F. Taylor, both our close friends and family physicians.



J. J. WAGGONER

Other well known doctors who have been associated with Mr. Waggoner are Drs. Bynum, Smith, Lee, Melton, Jones and Magee. Here is something about US that maybe Mr. Waggoner does not know . . . . once upon a time Dr. Melton lived at Lone Oak in Hunt County. Ye Editor had a bad smash up in a team's runaway and Dr. Melton attended us at the crucial time. He did a good job of it did'nt he Jerry. We are still celebrating in this old world. One of the peculiar things about all doctors, ... they are as shy as wild goats, will not have pictures made, or speak out and let anybody know much about them. Dr. MaGee is going to have his picture "took" even if he is unaware of it, someday. Hats off to all of these older doctors who made the folks well in the olden days of the horse and buggy.

Mr. Waggoner has had several honors heaped upon him in the thirty-three years he has lived in Hamlin. He was Mayor, and a leader in Highway extension, being chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Road committee. He is good at serving his friends, and for accomodation to all, he is Bus Agent, and handles Western Union money orders.

Mr. Waggoner is a Baptist, and a Mason, being the High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter. He was the first president of the Hamlin Lions Club.

Mr. Waggonen has made more druggist conventions than nearly anybody in the pharmacist trade in Texas. He is known from corner to corner of Texas, and whereever he goes the folks know he is there by his hearty laughter and jovial spirit in meeting his friends. Jerry, as your neighbor and constant associate for 25 years, we salute you.

INZER PHARMACY

AND THE STORE PERSONNEL

EXTEND GREETINGS TO OUR PIONEER FRIENDS and

Congratulations to Bowen and Mrs. Editor of the Herald. May you celebrate 25 more years in Hamlin.



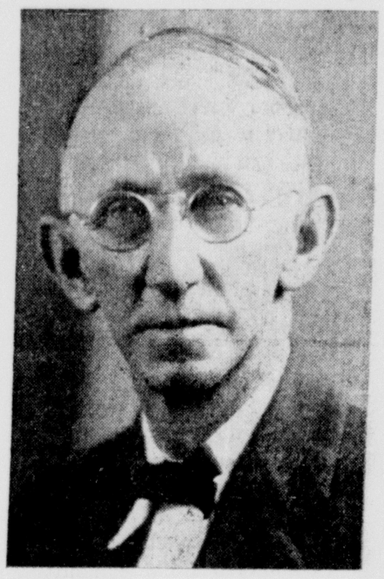
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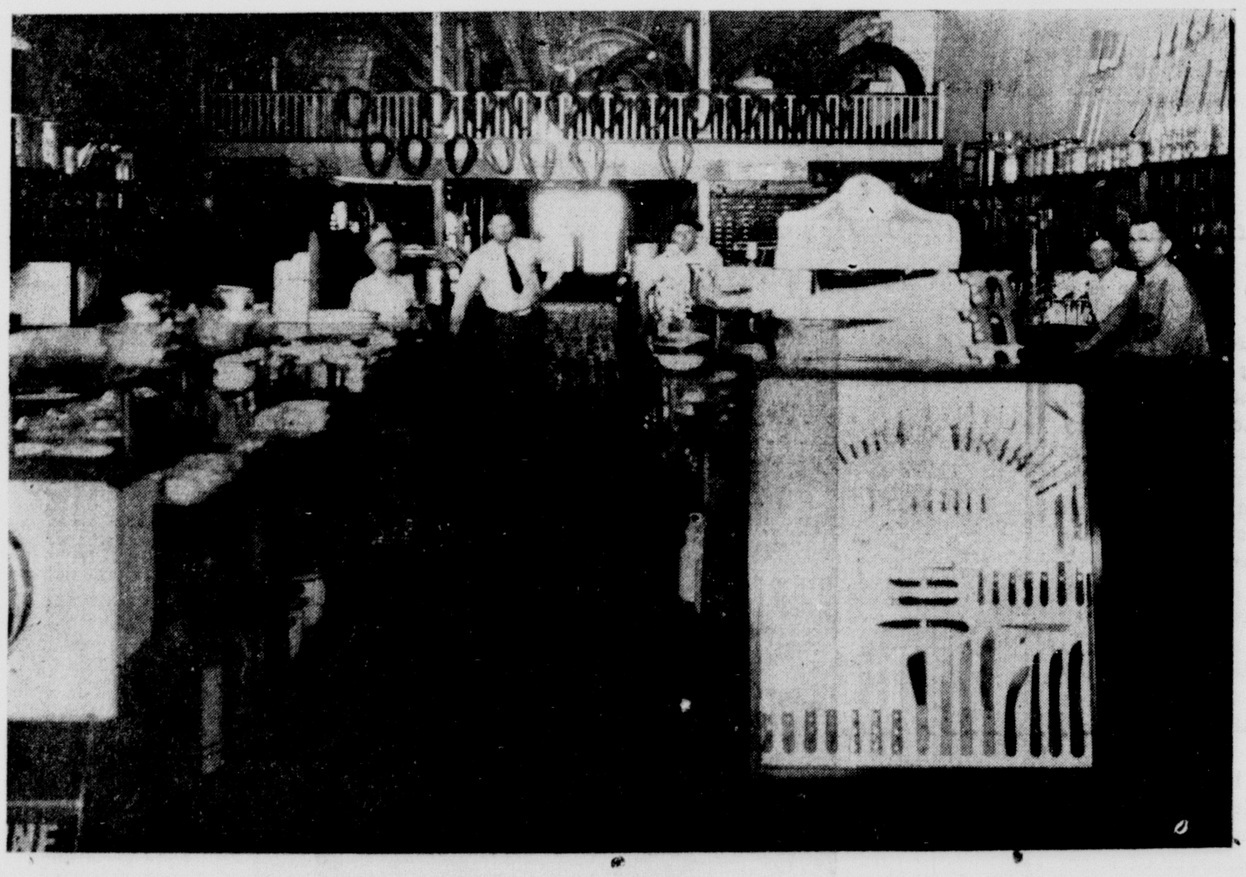




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JUNIOR MANAGER

This Is the 25th Anniversary of the Day Hardware in Hamlin

Congratulations to our fellow townsman, Editor Pope and the Hamlin Herald Family



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JOHN T. DAY JOHN E. DAY

amlin Banks and Bankers Have Been Stabilizers of This Territory

m the earliest days of Hamlin, community has felt the steady- fluence of Hamlin's Banks and arious bankers who have been tted with the several different that have claimed Hamlin as home.

e early banks were the Conti- l State Bank, which stood on orner just north of the Herald e. It was later moved to the ng where now the City Offices maintained. It was then the and most modern in Hamlin. bank was disconinued and its was taken by the First State which joined in the construc- of the building where the pres- Farmers & Merchants National now stands.

other bank that figured prom- ly in early Hamlin and till re- , was the First National Bank amlin. This good bank stood on orner where now the York New- Hamlin store is operated. This sold to the Farmers & Mer- s a few years ago.

mong the bankers of Hamlin the ld Editor has known personally uch fellows as the late A. D. Mc-Laughlin, the Frazer boys, Clinton and Paul, E. C. Brand, B. L. Jones, Martin McCain, O. H. Berry, W. O. Beal, and in the early days the Whaleys, all men of the highest type, who did their bit to make Hamlin a better town.

There is one thing the Herald desires to call especial attention to about "Banks and Bankers in Hamlin" . . not a single bank failure has ever happened in this town of Hamlin; not one hint of any kind of scandal has ever been spread over the streets, and as far as Ye Editor has heard NOT one penny has any depositor ever lost by any mismanagement or purposeful action in any bank or by any banker in Hamlin. This is a record every citizen has a right to be proud of.

We come down to the more modern days, the days of the great influence of the present Farmers & Merchants National Bank. This is an institution in Hamlin that stands for everything that the best means. This Hamlin bank has at its head men of the very highest type of citizenship and there is not a single worthwhile feature in Hamlin's en-



J. W. EZELL President

terprise but that one will find, the President, J. W. Ezell of the bank, ready to champion. He has a team of the best bankers for his assistants that anybody could want or expect.

Jim Ezell has done far more for humanity than most people have ever realized. He has all along sought out young men whom he could encourage and start on the road to success. If he sees something in a young man he makes some excuse to give him a chance. If Mr. Ezell needs a particular kind of young man in the bank he starts a dependable boy and soon he has a force who knows him and knows what he wants them to do. This is not altogether true about Tate May, yet it is, for Tate was assisted, and almost reared by Mr. and Mrs. Ezell. The Ezell drug store had Tate as a "janitor" or helper in the early days of Hamlin. Tate says he got his experience, banking, or what not, in the College of Hard Knocks." But Jim Ezell had a lot in sending Tate the "knocks" so that he would develop. It was on May 5, 1913, that by some influence Tate May was given a job (he says of janitor) in the First National Bank, by E. C. Brand and by October 1, 1919, Jim Ezell had a hunch that Tate was good enough to handle big things down at the F. & M. Bank, so Tate got the chance of his life, and his banking career has been meteroic, and today Jim Ezell has Tate on his right hand to carry on where it is necessary. Among other boys Mr. Ezell has started on the banking road, are: Edward Fizer and Prentice Graham, both bankers in Wichita Falls; Earl Anderson, Marcy and Milton Allen, and others including the present Cashier, W. C. Russell, a boy whom all of us have seen grow up to the prominence he holds in our community as a banker and leader. Ted Russell is a worker and by nature a banker. He is the 'public contact or relations man and no matter how busy, he will stop and extend greetings, and make you think he has nothing to do but wait on YOU.

The Herald could make a long, long story about the "three bankers" down at the F. & M. but since we are dealing with 'pioneers," we will not go into so many details about the "Younger Bankers," Tate and Ted, but confine the balance to J. W. Ezell, who is an Alabaman, born at Desotoville, Aug. 22, 1879. He came to Texas, to Stonewall county, in 1899 and was a cowboy. Later he went into the mercantile business at Dowell, in Fisher Co., near where Rotan was later built. He remained there 5 years, and married Miss Lela Tate on March 10, 1903. He moved to McCaulley in 1906 when the railroad came and to Hamlin in 1907. He was one of the firm of Ezell Bros. Drug Co. till 1914 when he went back to Alabama and stayed one year. He came back to Hamlin in 1915 and became teller at the First State Bank, being associated with the late A. D. McLaughlin, taking the place of Clinton Fraser. Mr. Ezell gives much of the credit of his getting into the banking business, to T. E. Harden who was then a director and heavy stockholder. In one year Mr. Ezell became Cashier and from that time was advanced—to President. He is a prominent Mason, City Councilman, and member of the Baptist Church, and a deacon. Mr. Ezell owns several good farms in Jones, Fisher and Dawson counties, and a nice home on Central Avenue.

he Coming of Natural Gas Was A Great Boon to Hamlin's Comfort

e arrival of natural gas into Hamin community was perhaps greatest thing for comfort and enience that has ever been en- l by Hamlin people. The event ver did not happen till in 1928. e first gas line into Hamlin was oted by C. O. Moore, naming his any, The Stamford and Wes- Gas Co. Here is a reprint the Herald of April 20, 1928: his week the Herald had a visit C. O. Moore, president of the nford and Western Gas Co., who sures us that gas will be in lin by June or July. Mr. Moore there are four cars of six-inch on the tracks at Hamlin and at Plasterco switch, four at ton and four at Tuxedo. That s that within a few weeks this will be laid into Hamlin and the looked for modern heating and ing "juice" will be flowing ugh the mains."

e next item found about gas in the Herald on Friday, April 1928, setting out the Gas Ordie for the City of Hamlin.

ill looking at the "record," find that on July 20, 1928, we something about gas mains go- in. Quotation: "It will be wel- news to the people of Hamo learn that the gas company is in Hamlin with machinery and many days shall pass, the "ecny fuel" from the depths of her Earth will be seeking outn the homes of this city, to do cooking and our heating in the modern way.

Many people have taken ad- ed steps in getting ready for gas it does arrive. Infact, it is dy here and passing through to west and what the Company is g now is opening up the alley es and offering connections to citizens. This is the opportune to get ready for the cold ery blasts that are sure to e."

ow here is a good one: Sounds t, doesn't it? Date, Friday ust 24, 1929—

TURAL GAS ON, ST METER IN"

its here. Gas was turned into mains at nine o'clock, Thursday ning and the Herald man gets FIRST METER SET. That is way the history will read in s to come. Yes Sir-ee! Gas is over town now, and the kind will burn.

W. B. Crawford, Superintendent meters, tied the first meter on rsday morning, just after the ns were filled. For the next months there will be a grand to get gas service connections. is still very warm, but these days turn into cooler and colder s in the near future, so then if wish gas as a warmer, before bad weather, now is the time to onto the gas line and have evthing set and tested. Then there the heaters and ranges, plenty o before cold weather."

he tone of the above shows that Hamlin people had high anticipations for gas, to take the place of coal, kerosene, and wood. It shows that modern people desire modern conveniences. Wonder how many old timers, these cold winter mornings reflect back to the days of taking out ashes, blowing the flame under the kindling, and then waiting for the old stove to heat up or the old chimney to smoke till the room was hot enough for mother and the kids to get up? But a people who never used gas could hardly realize what it would mean to each and every home to every business house and public places o f assembly. Before gas came to Hamlin, the bath room comforts were impossible. Sure there were tubs and a few people had some kind of old dangerous oil contraption to partially heat the water, but little or no heat for the room. No automatic heaters, no blue flame with which to cook.

To-day the modern way of keeping the entire home warm and evenly heated is a boon to humanity, where gas is available. Gas has proven the greatest "cold medicine" in the world. It provides comfort with freshness, by little effort. The sitting room, the bed room, the office, the stores, the school, the churches, the factory has been converted into places of comfort and pleasure.

May 1, 1930. C. O. Moore sold to THE COMMUNITY GAS CO. which great serving firm now operates in this section of Texas. Here we might say that Hamlin's gas comes from the great gas wells north of Amarillo, if we are informed correctly. It is piped from the main line south at Chillicothe, or Quanah serving all the intervening communities, branching out from the Santa Fe to Munday, Haskell thence down to Stamford, to Anson, to Tuxedo, to Hamlin, Plasterco, McCaulley, Sylvester, Roby and Rotan.

Thousands of people and hundreds of enterprises in this section, far removed from the gas fields are made happy because of gas.

Every well regulated business must have a real man and gentleman to manage it. Soon afer the Community Gas Company took charge of this field, a young man by the name of Bill Braymer was made local manager. Bill Braymer was the right one. He was a public relations man as well as a technical gas man. Bill came to Hamlin to make good and he did. So good was Bill Braymer, that when the company rearranged the personel, after several years, Mr. Braymer was given a District Managership with headquarters at Stamford. He was due that recognition.

But to have a man on the western end of the properties it was necessary to transfer some one to Hamlin. Again, Hamlin was a lucky town. The new manager and the present Manager is Raymond W. Jones. Now when they make a better man, a better "Jones" than Raymond, the Herald wants to see the



RAYMOND JONES

guy. Raymond is headed for a bigger field than this . . . he now supervises gas distribution in Hamlin, Rotan, Roby, Plasterco, Royston and McCaulley and all intervening meters. Raymond is a busy man but he is never so busy but that he will take time to greet his fellowman with a smile and a twinkling eye that is worth a million.

Raymond Jones is a Callahan County native, born in that county April 6, 1910. He secured a good education in the Baird schools and later attended the Abilene High School. He is rather quiet and some would think him timid, but not a bit. He is just that way and as you get better acquainted with him he becomes radiant with good sense talk and plenty of fun. Raymond was married to Miss Evelyn Darden in Abilene on July 7, 1935. Right here is the place to tell the world that Raymond Jones and his wife started a new round of joy so recent as April 18, 1939, when a fine son Jerry Raymond joined the family.

Raymond has a long line of public utility service. He started in the gas department in Abilene in 1925. Then in 1930 he went with the gas gang under the ownership of the Lone Star Gas Co. Became foreman of meter repairs for the Abilene District —then home service engineering and meter setting.

Raymond Jones is a student of his business. During his 18 years of public service work he has kept reading and investigating. He is a graduate of the International Correspondence School of Gas Engineering.

The right man i n a good place for service, is Raymond Jones. He is a member of the Hamlin Methodist Church, member of the Hamlin Rotary Club, member of the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce, and represents the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Hamlin district, and he is a Royal Arch Mason, with membership in Abilene.

Raymond Jones is the type of young manhood that any community should be proud to have in its needed enterprises. As such the Herald is glad to pay him this tribute.

Mrs. B. S. Ferguson Has Proven A Woman Can Manage a Theatre

Along about Christmas of 1937, the Ferguson Theatre was newly inaugurated as one of West Texas most beautiful places of entertainment. The Herald gave an extensive description of the whole program of the opening and also paid the owner Mrs. B. S. Ferguson, a compliment on her enterprising spirit.

At this time we want to emphasize the fact that a woman can successfully manage a first class show place in a town the size of Hamlin.

Mrs. Ferguson is really one of Hamlin's pioneers, and she has proven the worth of learning business methods in her early life. Like every personal sketch, the writer learns something he did not know before, and that is for the reader too. Mrs. Ferguson's name was Miss Lou Hopkins, born at Woodville, in Tyler County, Texas (several years ago). She attended the public schools and later went to a business college in San Antonio. She was married to B. S. Ferguson in 1901, and the family came to Hamlin in 1907. At that time Ben Ferguson, now of Dallas, was their only child. The other children, now Mrs. A. D. Enzey, Miss Monique Ferguson, and Mrs. Kenneth Parker, are all natives of Hamlin.

It was in the summer of 1914 that tse Herald Editor first observed the late B. S. Ferguson, and and his son, then little Ben, driving a herd of horses down Central Avenue in Hamlin. It was raining nad Ben was so small that he was almost concealed in his saddle.

Following the death of Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Ferguson took hold of all the business that the family had been running for several years. This included two theatres, and considerable other property. She has taken a pride in showing the public of



MRS. B. S. FERGUSON

Hamlin that she was willing and ready to do her part in every community enterprise.

Her Theatre was so damaged by fire that it had to be rebuilt in 1936. This has proven a valuable asset to Hamlin business. It is one of the most beautiful and comfortable show houses in West Texas and Hamlin people are proud of it.

Mrs. Ferguson has had the co-operation of all her children in making the Ferguson theatre a popular show place. Ben lives in Dallas and looks after the booking end for the Ferguson Theatre. The girls are always on the job and their welcoming smiles are great aids to the hostess of the house.

Mrs. Ferguson is a member of the Church of Christ, the Chamber of Commerce, and Eastern Star. She has a heart as big as a barrel and is doing much to encourage needy boys to get a start.

MAXINE BRUNDAGE PRESENTED IN RECITAL

Miss Maxine Brundage a pupil from the piano class of Miss Edwina Gilbert, was presented in a recital Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church. She was assisted by De France Burton, cornetist and Lester Morton, tenor.

The following program was given: Sonata in C Major, Mozart, Maxine Brundage, Miss Gilbert at second piano. Allegro—Adante—Rondo. At Dawning, Cadman; All For You, Brown.—Lester Morton. Two Part Inventions—No. 4 and No. 13, Bach. Love's Greeting, Elgar; Prelude in G Minor, Rachmaninoff; Juba Dance, Dett, Maxine Brundage; Ida and Dottie Polka, Losey; Honeysuckle Polka, Casy; De France Burton. Trees, Rasbach-Deis; Liebestraum, Liszt; Maxine Brundage; Waltz in D Flat, Chopin; Pomp and Circumstance, —March, Elgar,—Maxine Brundage, Miss Gilbert.

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It would be difficult to say which modern convenience the world is enjoying today, will stand out as the greatest accomplishment of this age. History tells us of the Old Stone Age, the New Stone Age, and the Iron Age, and maybe this age in which the 1939 generation of civilization exists may some day be called the "Age of Electricity.'

Electricity is doing many wonderful things for humanity on a thousand lines of endeavor.

Twenty-five years is so short a time when compared with a hundred; and the shortness of time, when it is measured by electric current, expands into centuries of ordinary human effort. Twenty-five years ago, Hamlin had made great progress but it was still in "darkness" most of the time.

Twenty-five years ago the facilities for electric power and dependable electric lighting were so meager in Hamlin that not many people, who had never lived where there was dependable current could realize the inconveniences of little or no power, and what a blessing a mighty tension line could be to a community.

O yes, Hamlin had an Electric Light and Ice Plant. It was powered by steam, made out of gyp water and the capacity was so meager and so likely to break down that electric motors were impractical to install. Hamlin had no "elecric gadgets" like the modern Hamlin has become accustomed to. No electric floor sweepers, no electric kitchen equipment, no electric refrigeration, no electric irons, no electric washing machines, no electric radios, no electric toasters or waffle irons, not even an electric hot-pad . . . . the business section had a few, very few fans, but the power was so limited that they could not be operated when full lighting was needed on Saturday nights, Hamlin residences had to yield to the down-town needs for the power to pull the electric lights; down town there were no electric beauty parlor facilities, no barber shop had electric clippers, and twenty-five years ago who had heard of an electric razor? Hamlin ice was dumped into various makes of ice boxes, both in homes and at cold drink founts. BUT, today, electric ice shavers, electric milk shakers, mixers, electric machines in the stores that make the ice and keep things cold and on and on this enumeration could travel.

Things have changed, but Hamlin is like many other towns in this part of west Texas . . . . no real dependable power was ever enjoyed till the coming of the able, widespread ramification of high-powered lines, as furnished by the West Texas Utilities Company.

It was a banner day for Hamlin and Hamlin's comfort and prosperity "electrically" when the West Texas Utilities Company bought the existing plant in 1917. It was about that time that high lines began to radiate into every section of this part of the state, and the West Texas Utilities Company usually got on the ground first.



B. M. (Mac) BRUNDAGE

It is out of the appreciation that Hamlin people hold for this company that the Herald expresses to them the gratitude of Hamlin people. The coming of the West Texas Utilities Company was really the "coming of electricity."

This company not only serves this community in its products but the company is really a part of Hamlin's welfare, and so proves that by the manner of their financial participation and moral support in every worthy undertaking in this community.

The West Texas Utilities Company is careful to employ such men and women in their personnel as will reflect their high ideals and aims in every department of community life. None but the best in technical knowledge and citizenship can hold a position with the company very long, and thus the Herald comes to express to the officials of tthe West Texas Utilities Company, Hamlin's esteem of the present manager. B. M. (Mac) Brundage, and his outstanding services in this community during the past NINE years.

The Herald dug up on Mac the last few days and we find that Mac is really a New Yorker, and all this time his host of friends have been thinking he was just an old West Texan. Mac was born in Andover, New York on April 7, 1898. Now get your maps down and you will find that Andover is in Alleghen County, N. Y., and let the Herald whisper to you, "if all the Andoverites are as good as our Mac Brundage, take it from the Herald man, that Hamlin could stand a lot of such Andoverans."

Mac got his education in Andover and then finished his high school at Hornell, N. Y. Soon he was offered a job with the Texas Company down in Louisiana, in the gas Dept. He remained in that state one year and was given a similar position with that company at Baird, Texas. That was in 1917, and from all indications it was along about that time that Mac Brundage began to get lonely, and to cure that kind of feeling, there is no better remedy than to get married. There is always a good looking girl for a rising, handsome young man.

It was on August 5, 1918, that Mr. B. M. Brundage and Miss Charity Dunlap of Baird were married. That little city remained their home till 1928, when Mr. Brundage was appointed Manager of the West Texas Utilities Company at Rotan. In August 1930, the Company transferred Mr. Brundage to Hamlin, where for nine years he has carried on for the West Texas Utilities Company and for the little city of Hamlin. Mr. and Mrs. Brundage have one child, Miss Maxine Brundage, a Junior in the Hamlin High School.

During the past nine years, Mr. Brundage has served six years on the School Board and was its Secretary. He is a past president of the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce, and at present a director. He is a member of the Hamlin Rotary Club and a past president of that club.

Mac is not old enough to have a hobby, but maybe there is one creeping around the corner, but nobody can tell just what kind of turn the sure hobby will take. One thing certain, the West Texas Utilities Company has a fine manager and a wide-awake "public relations man." He will do everything in his power to make the public realize that electric service is the most desirable of all modern conveniences.

The Pioneer of the Pioneer Gin Oldest Ginner In Haml

Here is a personal write-up without a picture, and you wonder why. One of the main reasons is that the Pioneer Gin man, T. E. Harden has the reputation of keeping so busy and is on the go so much that nobody's camera can catch a suitable picture of this pioneer of pioneers in the gin business in Hamlin.

O yes, one photographer, DID take Mr. Harden's picture, but it was about noon, eating time and whatever bothers Mr. Harden's eating program, causes a pecular expression on his face, and besides the photographer posed him by a vine covered wall and made him face the camera but in the "facing" he looked up at the ivy foliage and the sun made him squint till one would think the ginner was trying to locate a squirrel, and T. E. says, "Heck, don't put that thing in the paper," . . . so that is the reason.

The Herald man has known T. E. Harden for TWENTY-FIVE solid years. He does not look a whit older in 1939 than he did in 1914 (?) and that is the way we see him today.

Did you know that T. E. is NOT a Texan, why he was born over in old Georgia, near Roam, in March 1875. Hamlin's pioneer ginner was only 7 years of age when his parents landed him in Texas, so that squares it up and by now he is really a Texan. They stopped in Hood county, and T. E. gained his education all along by keen observation, some schooling, and hard work. He reads anything and everything, and takes an enthusiastic interest in world events, and would go to war at the drop of a hat, no foolin'! He started his long career in the gin business at Wayland, in Stephens County at the age of 17, and it was in that county that he was married t o Miss Dolly Baggett. They lived for some time at Sweetwater, and when the Orient started the thriving city of Hamlin, they came to this place, in 1907. Mr. Harden bought the existing gin, from J. V. Milsap, in 1909, who had built Hamlin's first gin in 1906, near where now the city pump station is located. However, before that, Mr. Veazy, a prominent early pioneer had a small combination gin and mill south of what is now the Orient Lake bridge, and Harden bought him out and they formed a partenership for awhile on grounds where the present Pioneer Gin stands.

Thad Harden has spent plenty of money on gin machinery. He has kept adding and rebuilding and extending his plant to keep it modern till he has one of the largest in the county. His capacity per day is around 225 bales.

Mr. T. E. Harden became the first Independent Warehouseman in Hamlin, for cotton. His first house was built in 1933 to hold about 2,500 bales, and now he has a battery of warehouses to hold 7,500 bales and all are full.

The full history of T. E. Harden is very interesting. Not many people have lived close enough to him to see or feel his big heart, which is the real man. We learn that on coming to Hamlin, Mr. Harden was given a prominent place in the working affairs of the Methodist Church. Being one of the Stewards, he was ask to assist in making the usual rounds for funds, for the pastor and for paying off the first early church building. He started out, much younger then than now. He was met by a number of hard luck stories, one of which was a pitiful widow with several children. When the woman related how anxious was to help, and how unable sh to do it without taking bread her children, this was too muc the young ginner's heart. H quit, and waited for the r meeting of the Board.

When tht Board met, such old souls as A. G. Hudson, Terrell, M Y. Wilson and were there. Mr. Harden was on for his report. He got chance, right there. He r that he ask them if they w him to gather money from suc tressed people, and that he had collected $16.00 in a full da work. The Board was stu Then the church debt was a $2,000 and the Board was against it." They ask Harden he would recommend, then. quick as a flash, he bantered, it is easy, take the full amount here are twelve men, just divi by twelve and lets write a c and go back to our work. That again something NEW. So some parley, the President, Hudson, said, well, I'm in, started for his check book. Ha won, and in a jiffy the whole was paid off.

Everybody who knows him Harden "Thad." Thad has se Hamlin about eleven years councilman, but always dodged school board, although no fa could be more interested in children than he is.

Mr. Harden has gone all the in Masonery, and in former was an enthusiastic attendent o its meetings.

The first unit of the fire-p Harden Hotel was constructed Mr. Harden and is today one Hamlin's most attractive build

Curtis Martin Says There Is Only One Way to Do It . . Work Like . . .

When the Herald started to accumulate material we tried to get the Martins to permit some representative pictures, but about that time they were so busy that no camera in Hamlin could catch them. Curtis says, 'I'm not on the WPA and the only way I can get along in the Hatchery Business is to work like . . . ." That is his motto. He said he wanted to put only a short word picture about his business in this Special Isue, and to let the "scenery" alone. He says everybody knows how he and his wife look, and as for their chick house and chicks, if anybody does not have a mental picture of that, no use to bother. So with these short remarks, here is telling you that the world would be a hum-dinger if everybody was like that fellow Curtis Martin. He is an oldtimer and never leraned how to lean on the hoe handle. He is a son of Mrs. R. A. Crockett, and being a step-son of Bob Crockett, he never got a chance to even go fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin have a nice cottage on Jackson Avenue, and are the parents of one child, Miss Marian Martin, who will be in the Senior Class of 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wilkerson Are Early Citizens In the Grocery Business

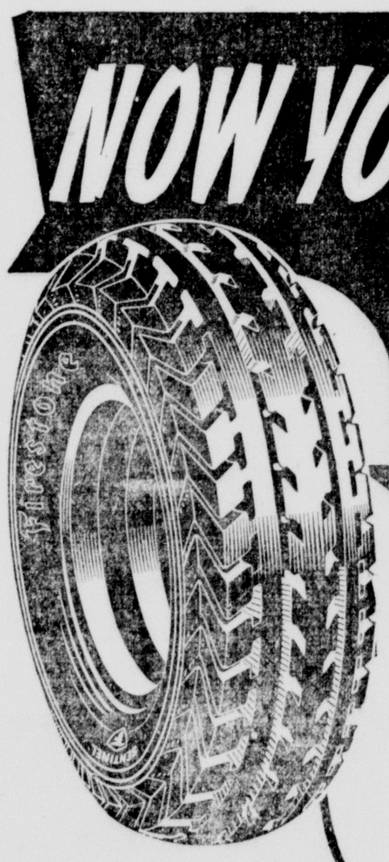
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wilkerson, who are opertaing a combination grocery and service station in South Hamlin, are to our minds two of the most estimable people in all the Hamlin Country.

Mrs. Wilkerson, whose maiden name was Wardie McClaran, is a REAL pioneer, for she was born in the Wise Chapel or old Abbie community, so long ago she will not say. She was married in the same house where she was born. She and Mr. Wilkerson were married on December 25, 1907. They have had two children, one, Mrs. Frank Harris, deceased, and Mrs. Lowell Ballew of Plasterco and one beautiful little grand daughter, Jo Nita Ballew, age 6 months.

Mr. Wilkerson came from Hnut County in the days before Hamlin, and is a man whom to know is to appreciate. He worked at the hardware business a long time, and four years ago they entered the grocery business in South Hamlin. Mrs. Wilkerson is a member of the Baptist Church and has always been prominent in its work.

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